

# POLICE

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"DEATH MISSED ME BY A  
FRACTION OF AN INCH AS THE  
BLADE SANK INTO THE  
PANEL BEHIND ME..."  
*Don't miss—*

**KEN SHANNON**

TOUGH PRIVATE EYE

*in—*  
*A hair-raising tale of*  
**SUSPENSE—**

**"DIANA, THE  
HOMICIDAL  
HUNTRESS!"**

*Also*

**A**

**MAN THRILLER—**

**"MURDER  
FROM  
MOSCOW!"**



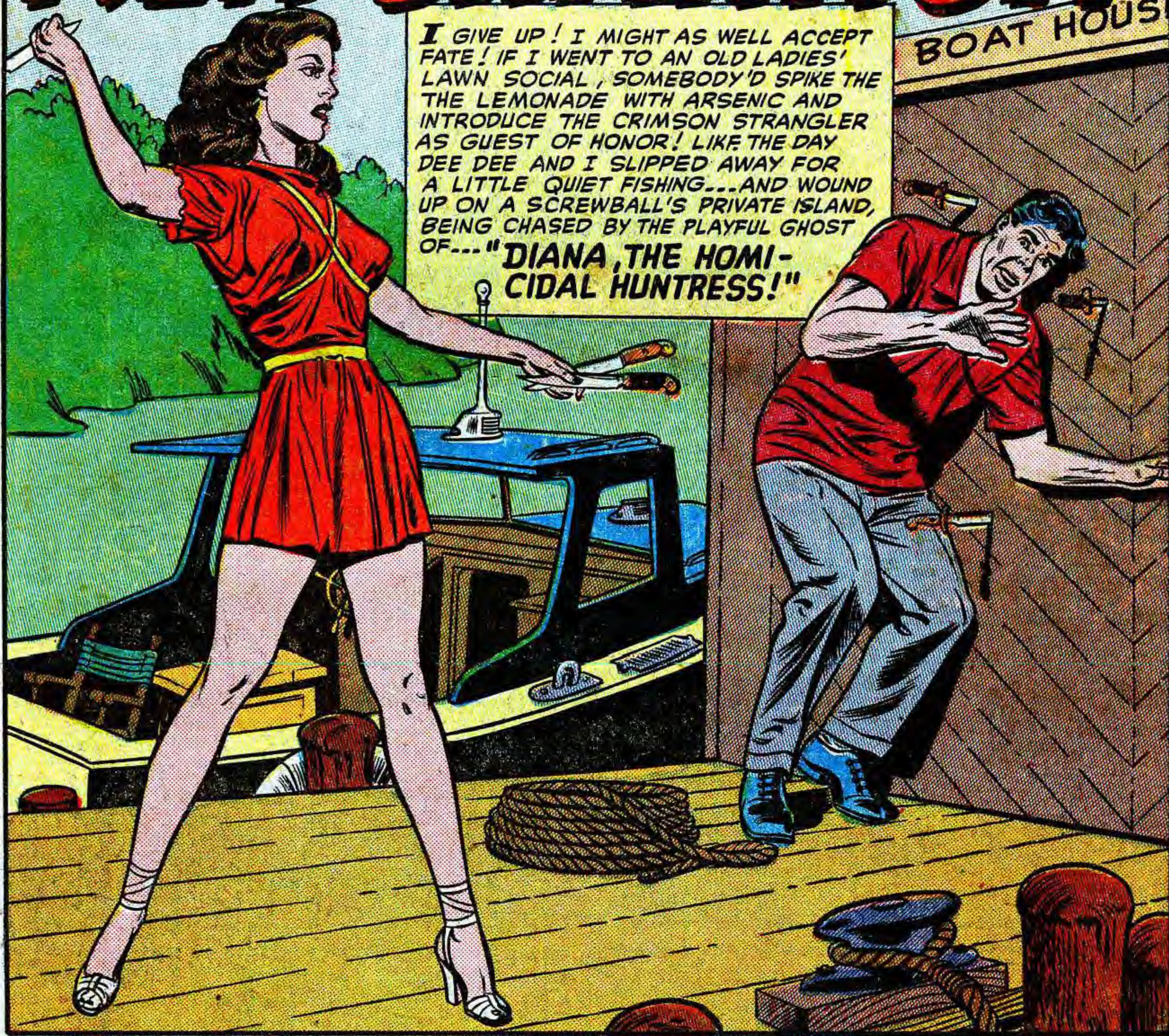
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# KEN SHANNON

BOAT HOUSE

I GIVE UP! I MIGHT AS WELL ACCEPT FATE! IF I WENT TO AN OLD LADIES' LAWN SOCIAL, SOMEBODY'D SPIKE THE THE LEMONADE WITH ARSENIC AND INTRODUCE THE CRIMSON STRANGLER AS GUEST OF HONOR! LIKE THE DAY DEE DEE AND I SLIPPED AWAY FOR A LITTLE QUIET FISHING...AND WOUND UP ON A SCREWBALL'S PRIVATE ISLAND, BEING CHASED BY THE PLAYFUL GHOST OF... "DIANA, THE HOMICIDAL HUNTRESS!"



LANSON DAWES



RICH ENOUGH TO BUY ANYTHING... EXCEPT MY SILENCE!

HARRIET DAWES



SHE COULD HARDLY WAIT TO BECOME A RICH WIDOW!

DR. ROBERT LEJON



HE COULD HARDLY WAIT TO BE THE HUSBAND OF THE WIDOW!

DIANA DAWES

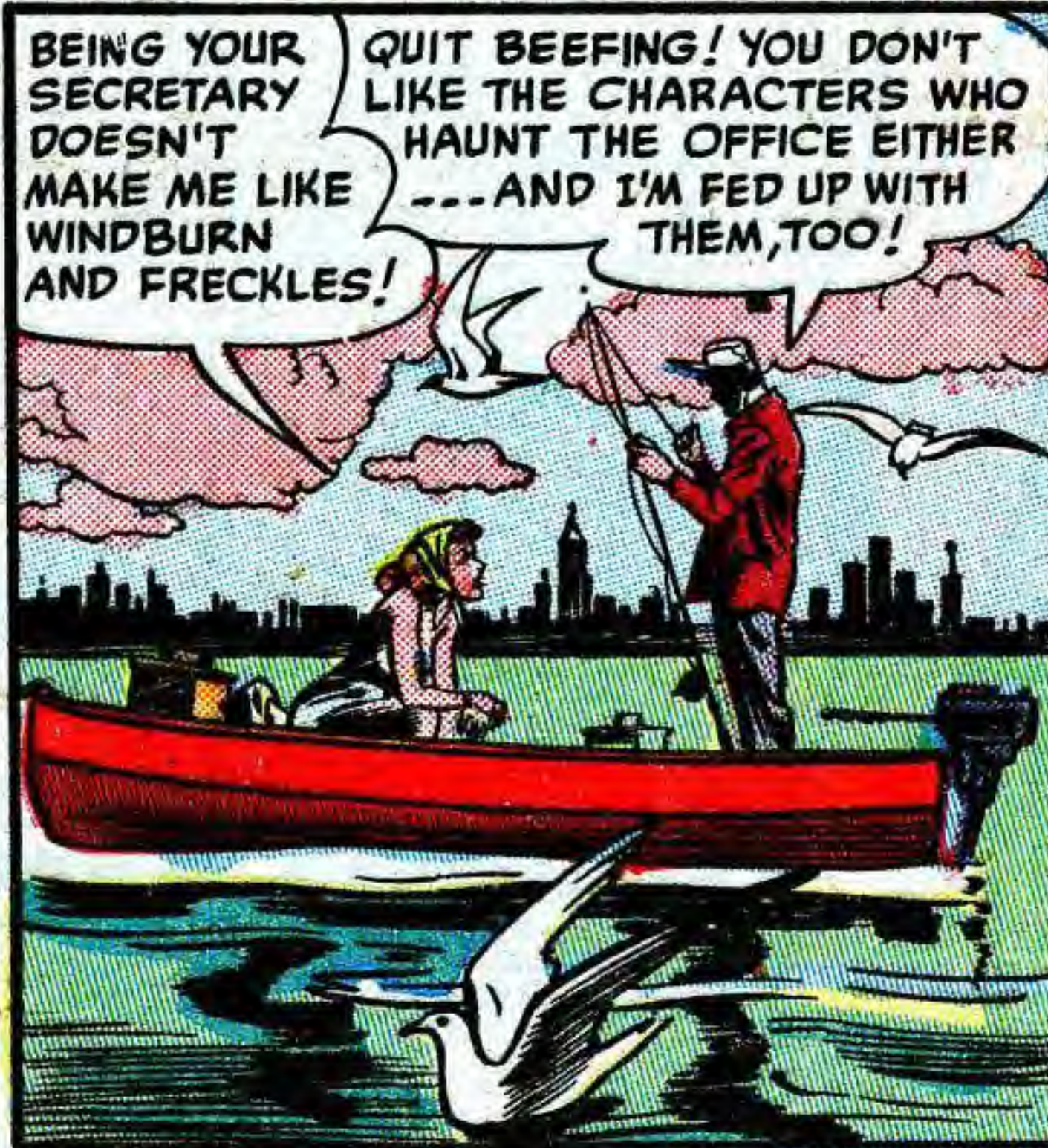
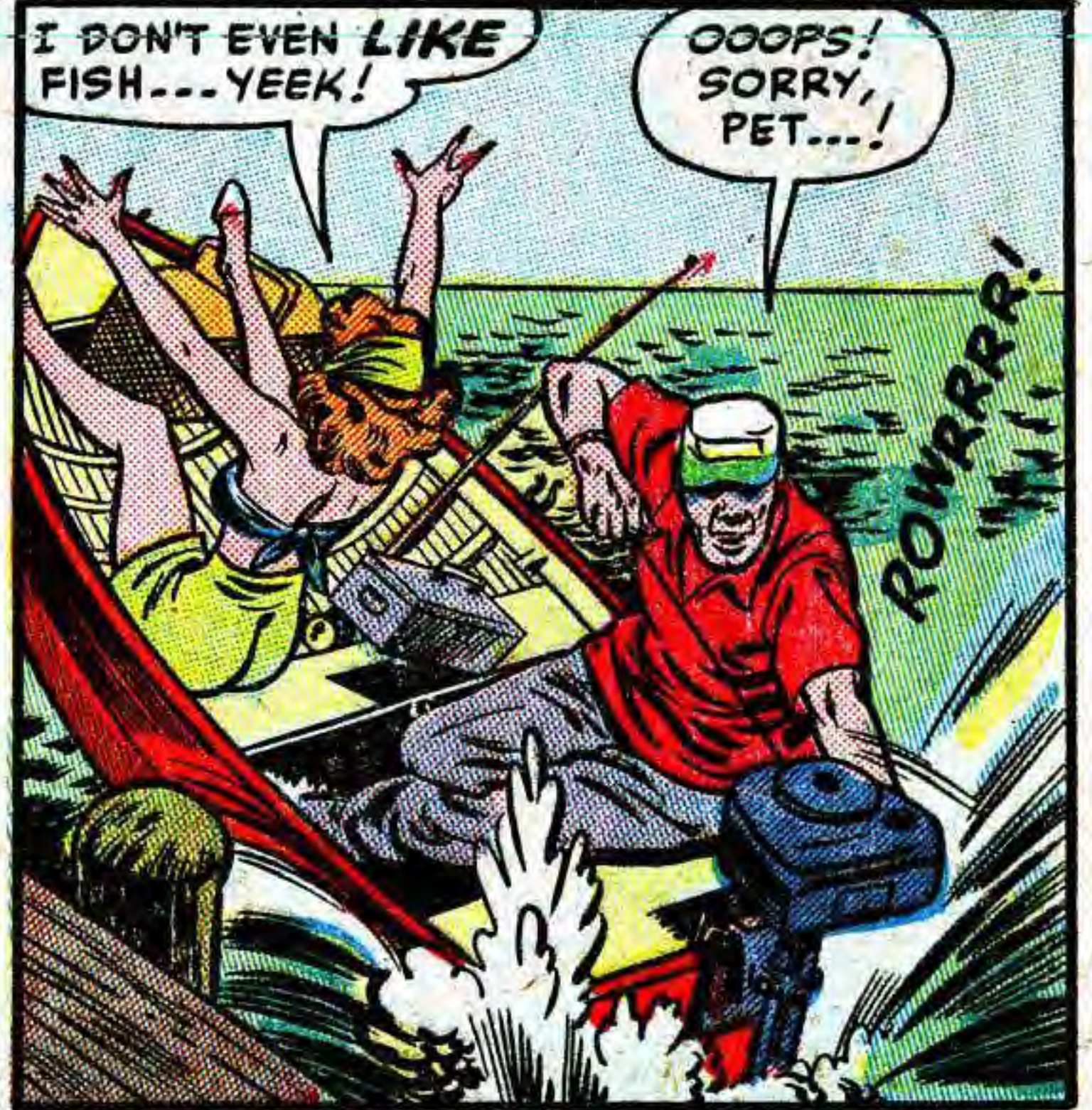


SHE WAS A SHIV ARTIST AND SHE FANCIED HER AUNT AS THE TARGET!



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THERE COMES A TIME IN THE LIFE OF EVERY MAN WHEN HE SIMPLY GETS FED UP TO THE EARS WITH HIS DAILY GRIND!





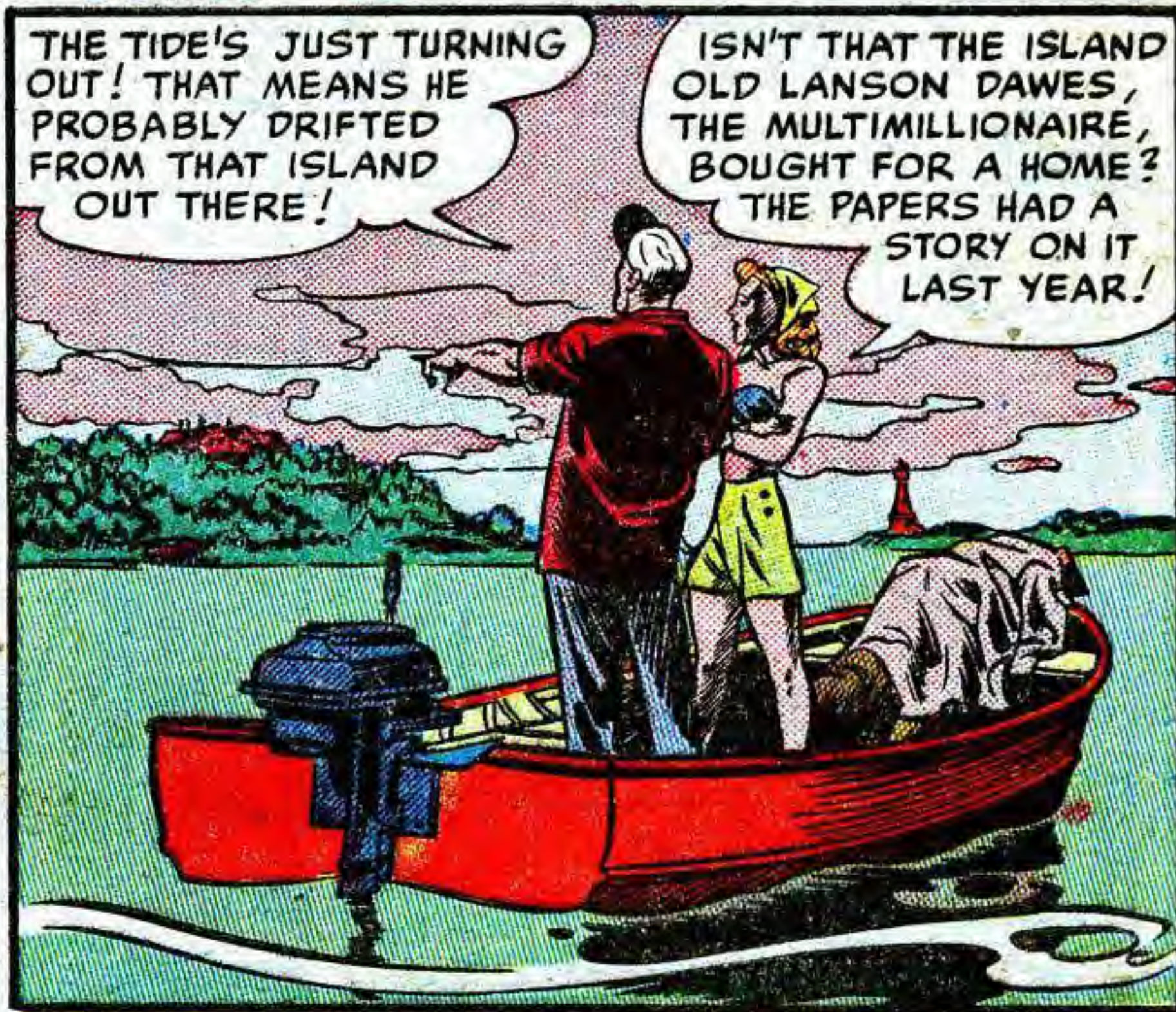
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UGH! TH-THAT KNIFE... RIGHT THROUGH HIM! IS HE D-DEAD?

NOW WHO'S BEING SILLY? DO YOU KNOW ANYBODY WHO CAN **LIVE** IN THIS CONDITION?

*It* WAS THE BODY OF A YOUNG GUY, NOT LONG DEAD! I HAULED HIM ABOARD AND DRAPED A RAINCOAT OVER THE WORST OF HIM!



THE TIDE'S JUST TURNING OUT! THAT MEANS HE PROBABLY DRIFTED FROM THAT ISLAND OUT THERE!

ISN'T THAT THE ISLAND OLD LANSON DAWES, THE MULTIMILLIONAIRE, BOUGHT FOR A HOME? THE PAPERS HAD A STORY ON IT LAST YEAR!



HAPPY HOLIDAY! NOW I'VE GOT TO HAUL THIS GUY IN TO THE COPS AND-- HEY! THIS PUTT-BUG'S OUT OF GAS! HAND ME THE CAN!

AWRRK! D-DID YOU SAY GAS? OH, MY GOODNESS!



K-KEN, IT'S BACK ON THE DOCK! YOU TOOK OFF SO FAST I FORGOT THE GAS CAN!

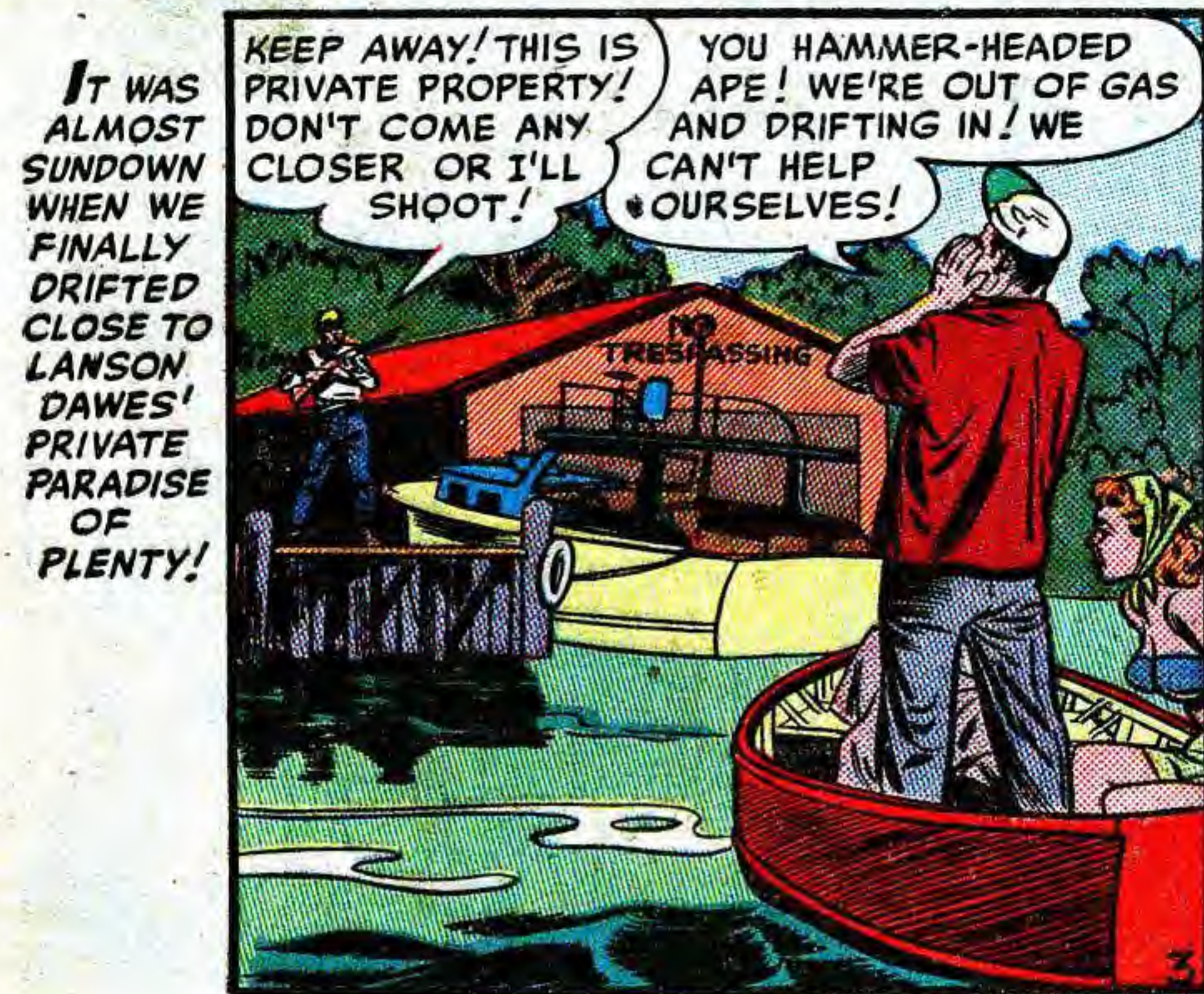
OWOOO! AND FOR BRAINS LIKE THIS I PAY YOU A SALARY?



SO WE DRIFTED... WHILE TIME PASSED, BUT NO BOATS...

MY WONDER GIRL! FOR TWO CENTS I'D MAKE YOU SWIM BACK AND TOW THE BOAT WITH YOUR TEETH!

OH, DROP DEAD! WHOSE STUPID IDEA WAS IT TO COME OUT HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?



**It** WAS ALMOST SUNDOWN WHEN WE FINALLY DRIFTED CLOSE TO LANSON DAWES' PRIVATE PARADISE OF PLENTY!

KEEP AWAY! THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER OR I'LL SHOOT!

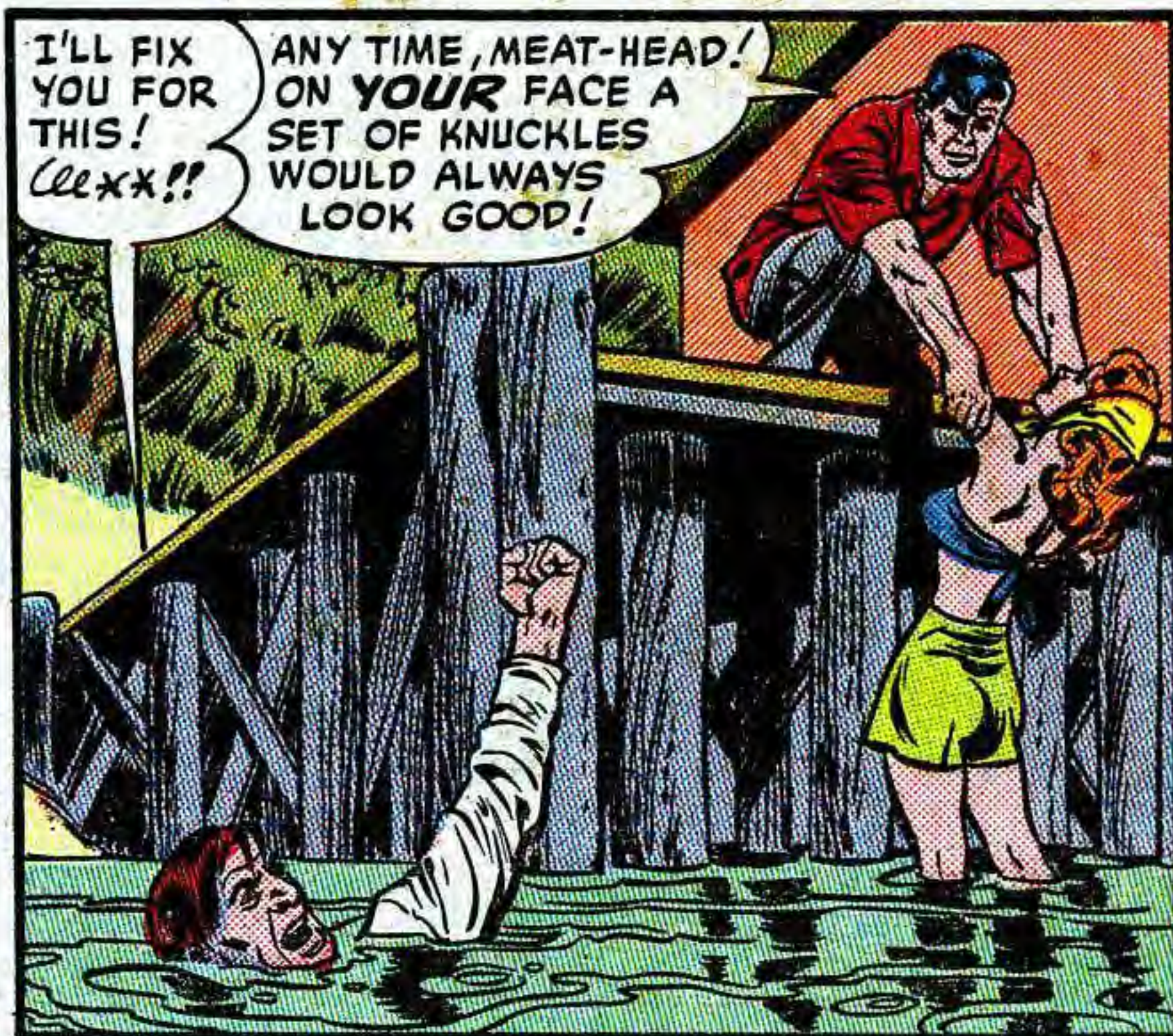
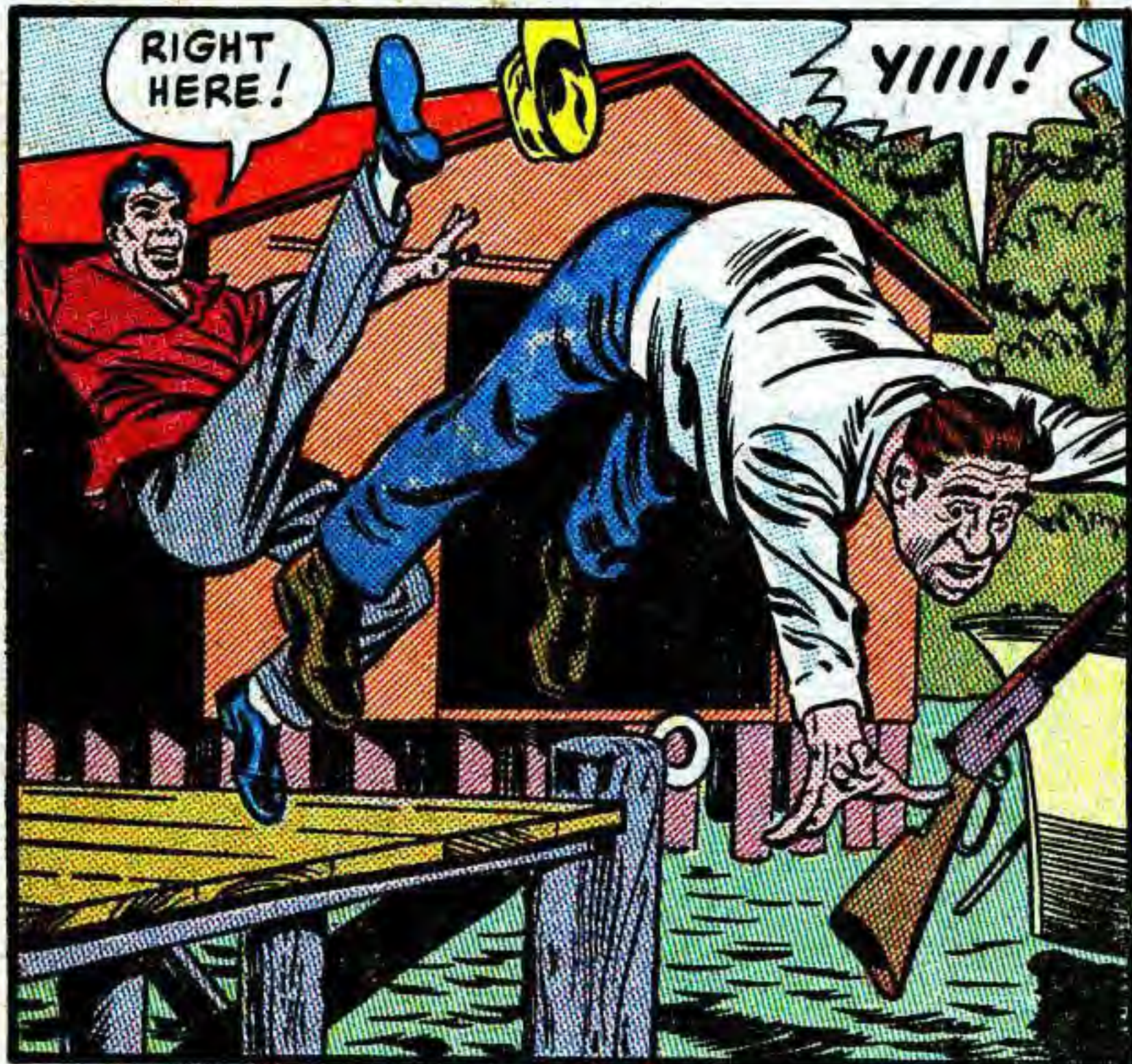
YOU HAMMER-HEADED APE! WE'RE OUT OF GAS AND DRIFTING IN! WE CAN'T HELP OURSELVES!



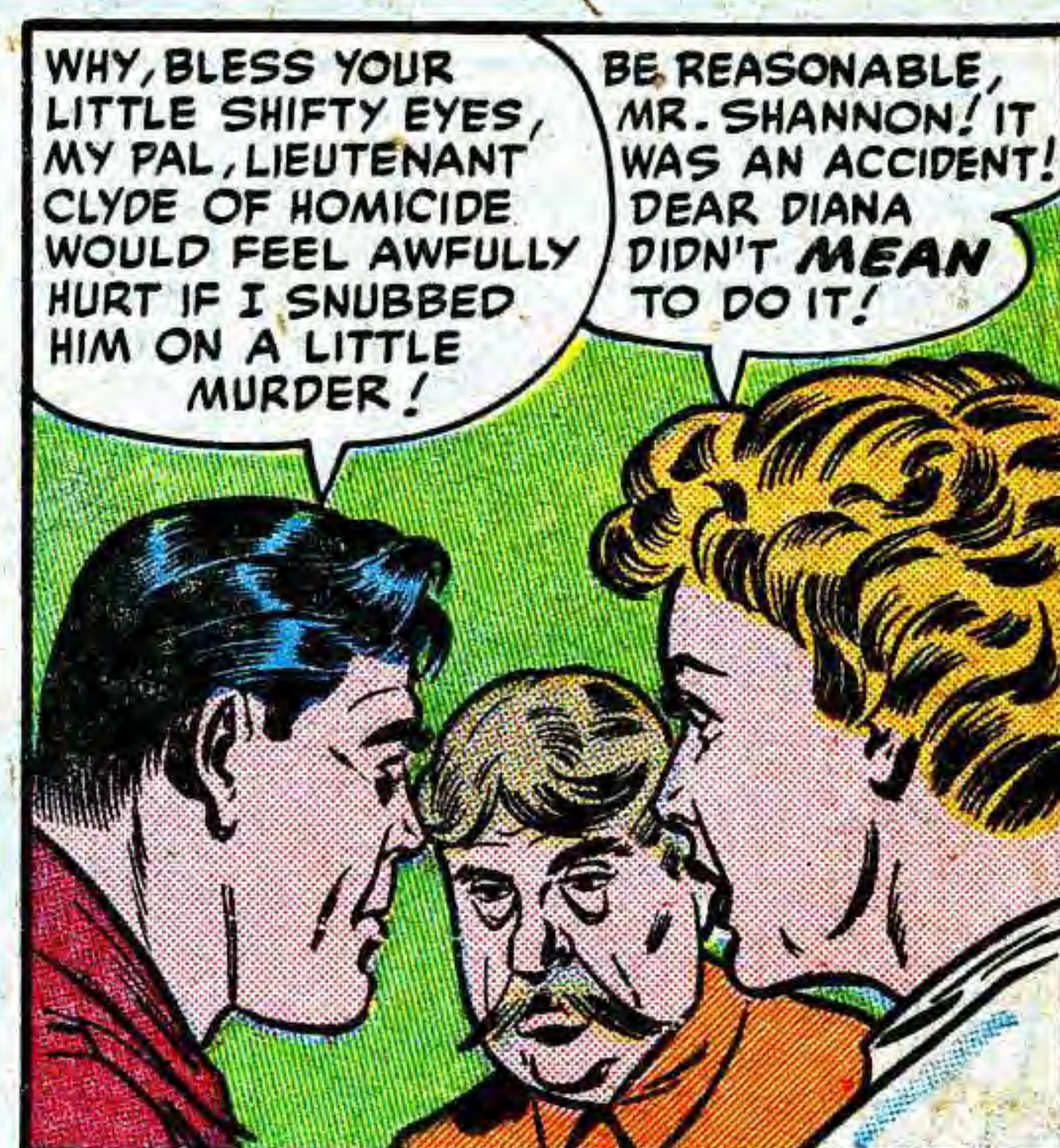
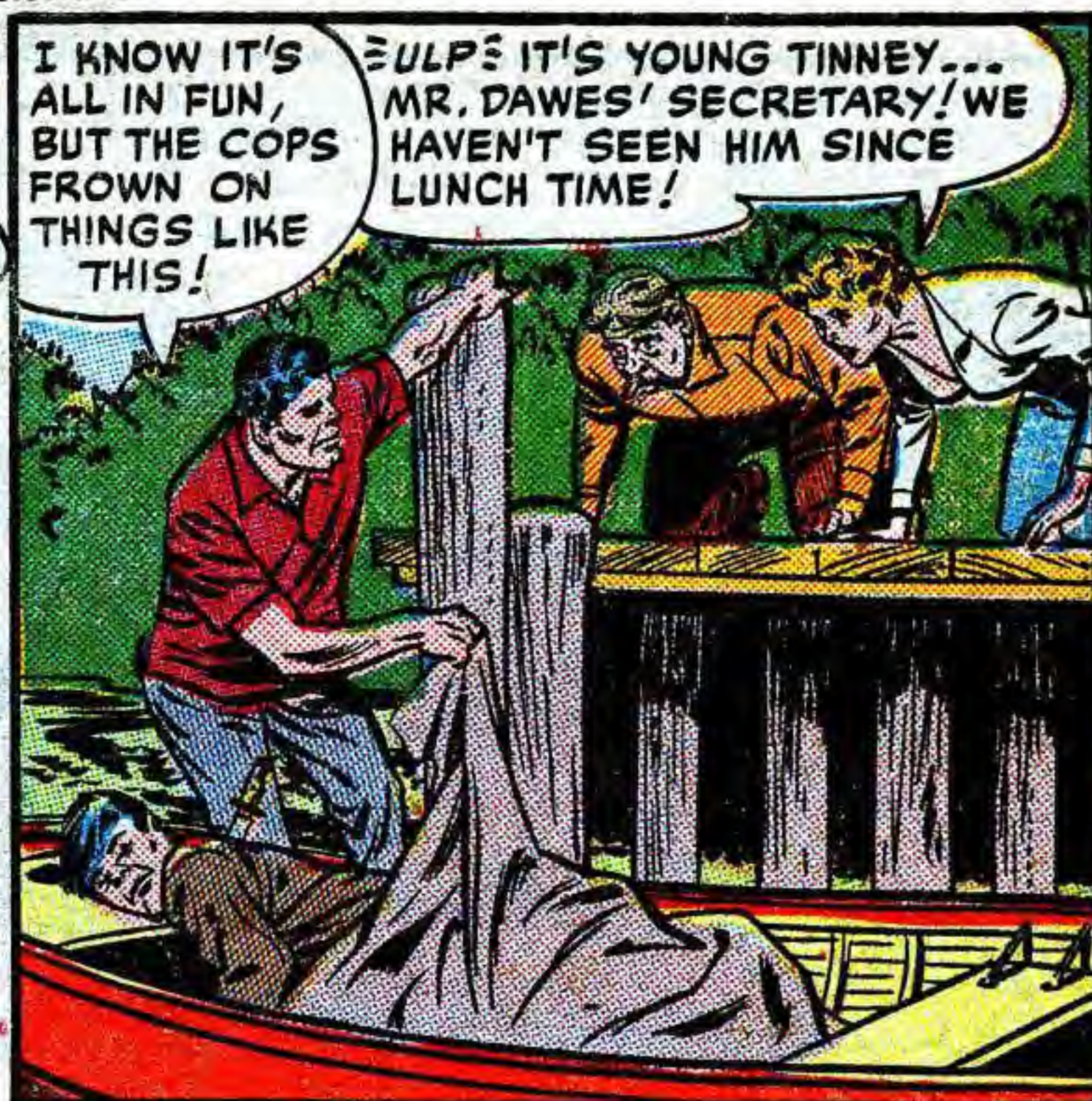
I GOT MY ORDERS!

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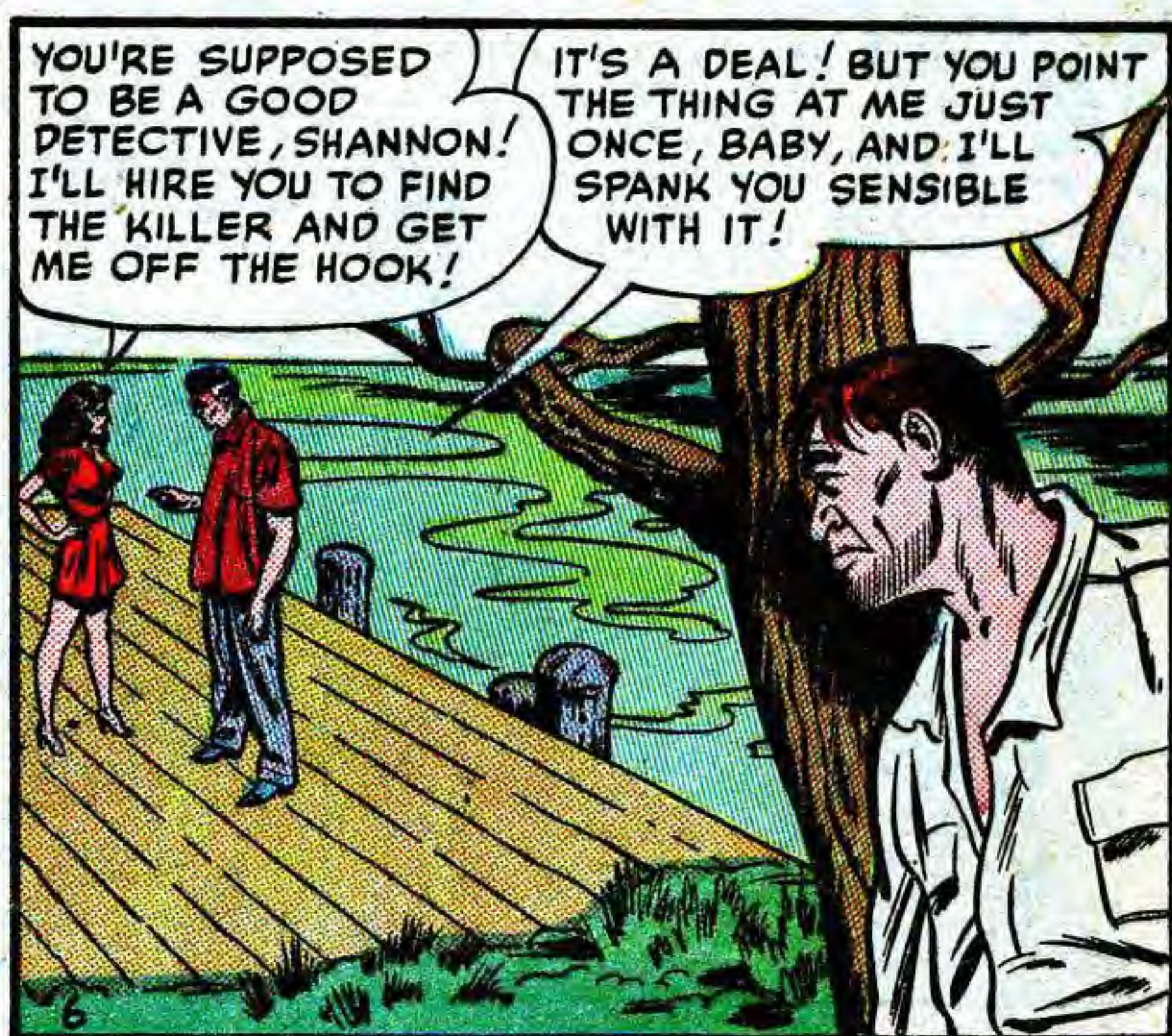














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DEE DEE, TAKE THIS BUNCH TO THE HOUSE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THEM! I WANT TO LOOK AROUND FOR THE SPOT WHERE THE MURDER OCCURRED!

I LEFT HIM LYING ON THE TRAIL, SHANNON! YOU CAN'T MISS IT!

*They* HEADED FOR THE HOUSE, GRUMBLING! I HAD NO TROUBLE FINDING THE SPOT WHERE DIANA HAD CLOUTED TINNEY AND LEFT HIM!



THIS IS WHERE IT HAPPENED, ALL RIGHT! THERE'S THE BLOOD AND A ROCK THAT WAS USED TO HAMMER THE KNIFE THROUGH HIM!



BUT WHO DID IT? THEY ALL HAD OPPORTUNITY AND MOTIVE, OF A SORT! HMM!



I HEARD A RUSTLE BEHIND ME, BUT BEFORE I COULD TURN...

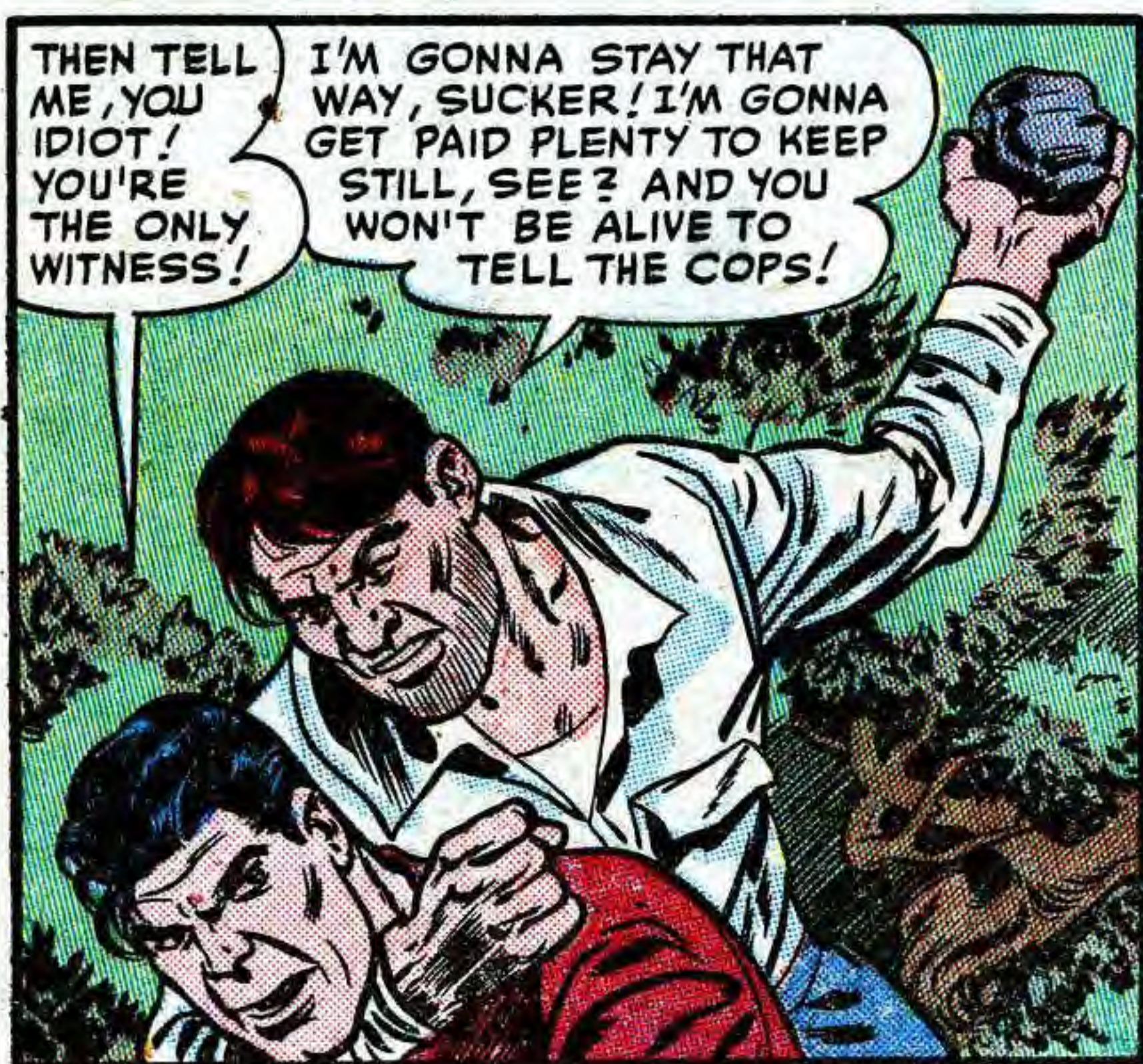
HEY... OOFFF!

KICK ME INTO THE WATER, WILL YOU?



CUT IT OUT, YOU CHUMP! YOU'RE MESSING WITH A MURDER CASE!

BUT YOU'RE NOT! I KNOW WHO KILLED TINNEY! I WAS COMING THROUGH THE WOODS AND I SAW IT HAPPEN!



THEN TELL ME, YOU IDIOT! YOU'RE THE ONLY WITNESS!

I'M GONNA STAY THAT WAY, SUCKER! I'M GONNA GET PAID PLENTY TO KEEP STILL, SEE? AND YOU WON'T BE ALIVE TO TELL THE COPS!



I'LL BE RICH... EEEAAHHH!

GARSE!





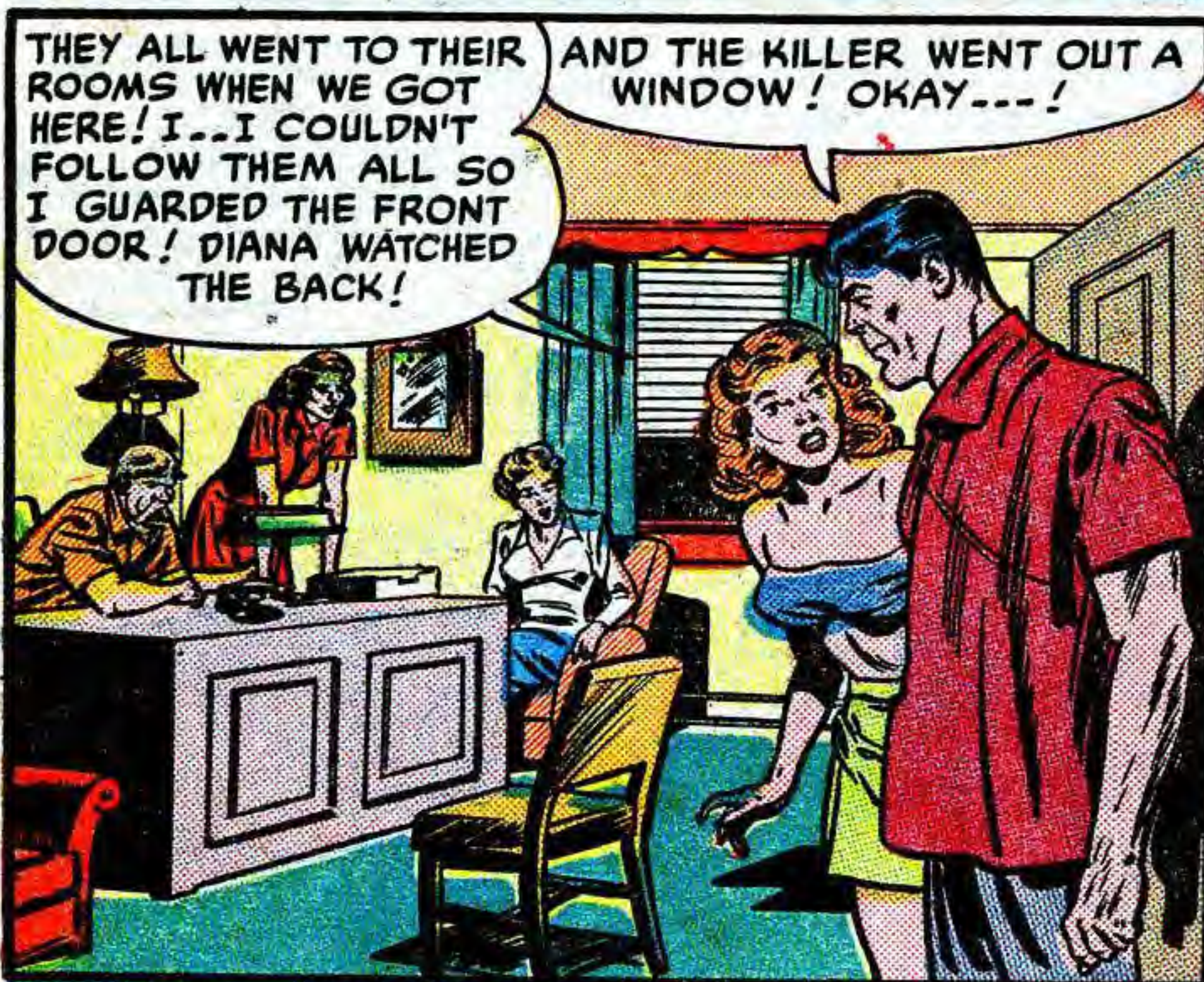
GARSE WOULD NEVER COLLECT ANY BLACKMAIL FROM THE KILLER!

IT'S TOO DARK TO HUNT FOR A SHORTCUT... AND BY THE TIME I GO AROUND THE TRAIL, THE KILLER WILL BE IN THE HOUSE!



DEE DEE, WHO'S BEEN OUT OF YOUR SIGHT FOR FIVE MINUTES? THE KILLER JUST STRUCK AGAIN!

ULP! THEY ALL HAVE, KEN!



THEY ALL WENT TO THEIR ROOMS WHEN WE GOT HERE! I...I COULDN'T FOLLOW THEM ALL SO I GUARDED THE FRONT DOOR! DIANA WATCHED THE BACK!

AND THE KILLER WENT OUT A WINDOW! OKAY...!



IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER! I'VE GOT THE MURDERER OVER A BARREL NOW, ANYHOW!

OPERATOR, GET ME HOMICIDE, LIEUTENANT ART CLYDE, PLEASE!



THE KILLER SHOT GARSE BECAUSE HE SAW THE MURDER OF TINNEY AND MEANT TO GET RICH ON BLACKMAIL! BUT THERE WAS ONE SLIP UP!

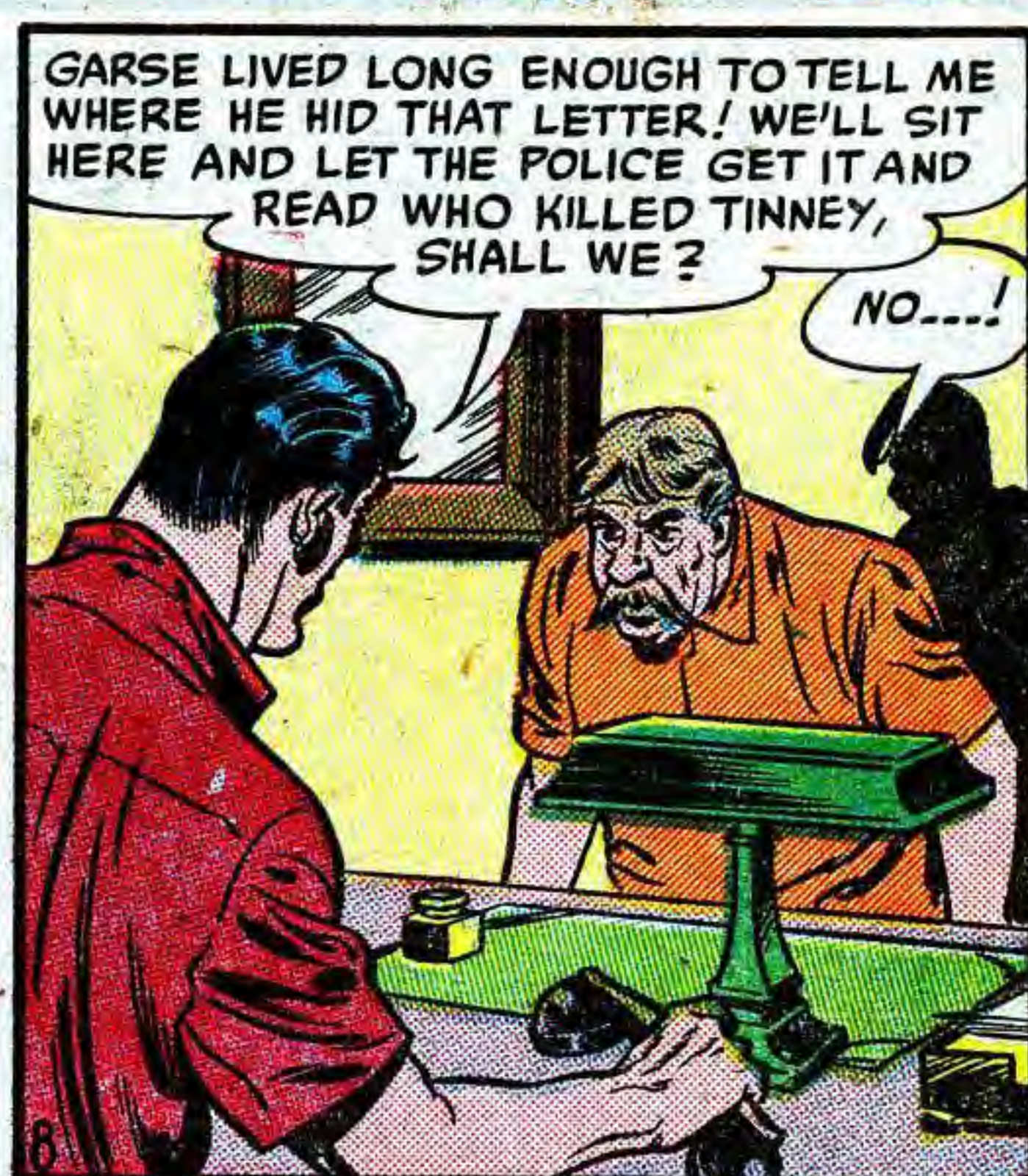
HOMICIDE! LIEUTENANT CLYDE SPEAKING! HELLO...?

**I** BRIEFED ART CLYDE ON WHAT HAPPENED SO FAR! THEN I GAVE THEM ALL MY PUNCH LINE!



THE KILLER WAS DUMB, ART! HE FORGOT THAT A BLACKMAILER ALWAYS LEAVES A LETTER DESCRIBING THE MURDER! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM BEING KNOCKED OFF, TOO!

WE'LL BE RIGHT OUT, KEN! HANG ON!



GARSE LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO TELL ME WHERE HE HID THAT LETTER! WE'LL SIT HERE AND LET THE POLICE GET IT AND READ WHO KILLED TINNEY, SHALL WE?

NO....!



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SURE IT WAS ALL A BLUFF! GARSE HADN'T LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO SAY A WORD BUT I WANTED ACTION... AND I GOT IT!

I KILLED TINNEY BECAUSE HE WAS GETTING NOSEY ABOUT SOME OF MY BUSINESS DEALS! I KILLED GARSE, TOO! YOU DIDN'T KNOW I USED TO BE A CHAMPION KNIFE-THROWER, DID YOU?

UNCLE LANSON!

I WANT THAT LETTER! TELL ME WHERE IT IS, SHANNON, OR I'LL PUT A KNIFE THROUGH YOUR LOVELY GIRL FRIEND'S THROAT!

YOU CRAZY FOOL! PUT DOWN THAT KNIFE! YOU CAN'T KILL US ALL!

WHY NOT? I'VE SPREAD A STORY THAT DIANA WAS INSANE, THAT SHE TRIED TO KILL HARRIET BEFORE! I'LL SAY SHE WENT BERSERK AND DID IT! I'VE KNOWN ABOUT HARRIET AND BOB LEJON FOR A LONG TIME!

BUT DID YOU KNOW ABOUT CHAIR-THROWING?

BLAST YOU....!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WENT CRAZY, DAWES!

ARGHHH!

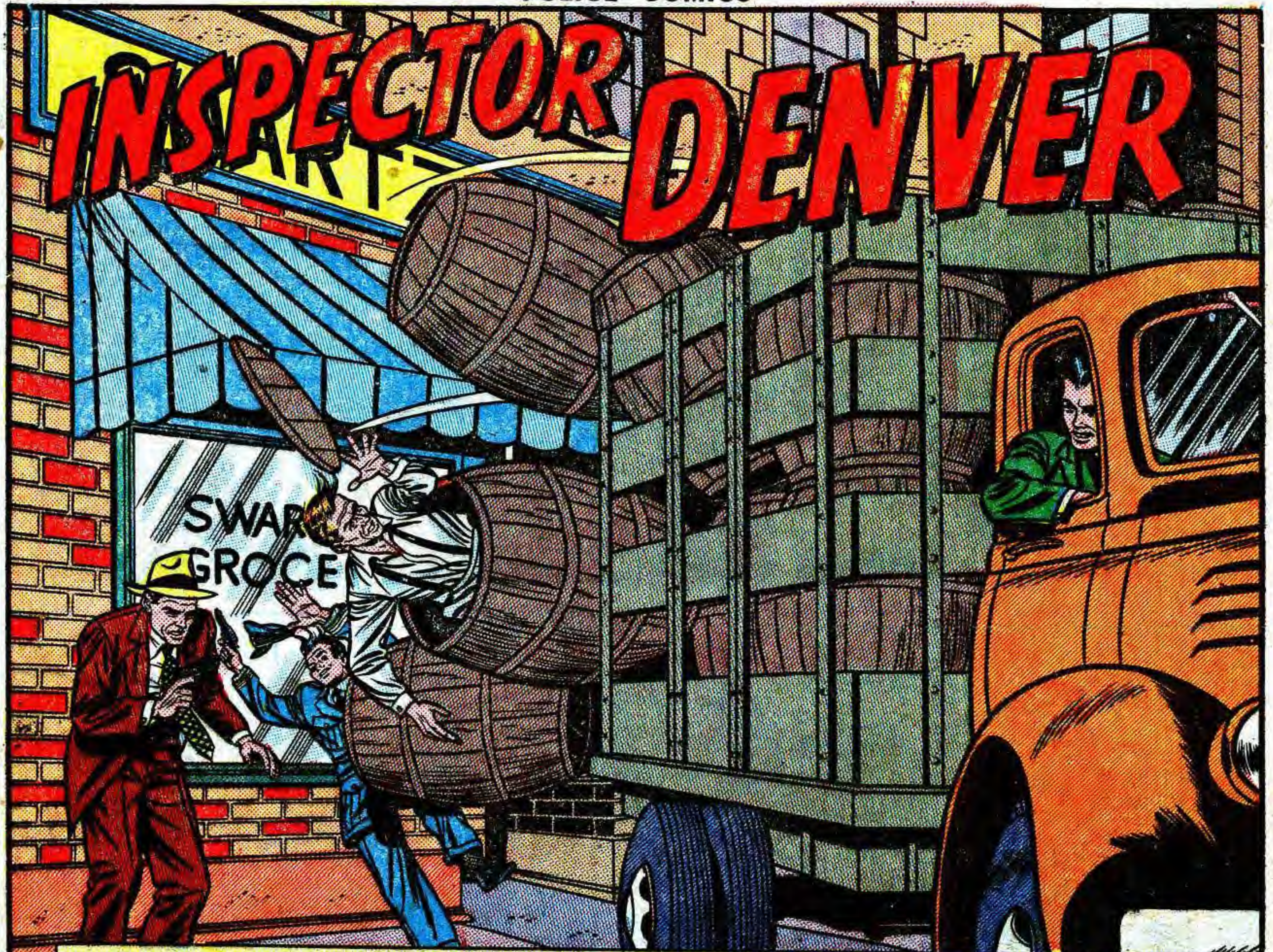
HE'LL KEEP UNTIL THE POLICE COME! YOU'LL HAVE TO TESTIFY, OF COURSE! I WAS ONLY BLUFFING ABOUT A LETTER!

KEN SHANNON, YOU WERE WONDERFUL! I'LL PAY YOUR FEE WITH A NICE, FAT BONUS!

WHY DON'T YOU STAY OVER UNTIL TOMORROW, KEN, AND LET ME SHOW YOU HOW ROMANTIC THE ISLAND CAN REALLY BE?

NO, THANKS, HONEY! I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO AMBITION TO WIND UP MY BUSINESS WITH THE JEALOUS SECRETARY MURDER CASE!





**YOU'D HARDLY LOOK TWICE AT A TRUCKLOAD OF BARRELS! BUT TRY MEETING THEM AS THEY CHARGE HEAD-ON AT YOU LIKE A HERD OF CRAZED BUFFALO! WELL, THEY SAY EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN HOMI-CIDE! AND INSPECTOR DENVER FIGURED HE'D SEEN IT ALL! BUT HE HADN'T---NOT UNTIL HE'D COME TO GRIPS WITH---**

## **THE BARREL-ROLL SHAKEDOWN!**

**IT WAS A MILD DAY IN AUGUST WHEN THE CRAZY CASE BROKE!**

YOU KNOW, MARTY, IT'S TOO QUIET AROUND HERE! ISN'T NATURAL FOR THIS SIDE OF TOWN!

OLD GLOOM BUSTER CASSIDY! A NICE AUTUMN DAY AND YOU SEE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE---WHAT'S THAT?



WHA!...EARTHQUAKE!

EARTHQUAKE MY FOOT! THAT TRUCK LOAD OF BARRELS BROKE LOOSE!

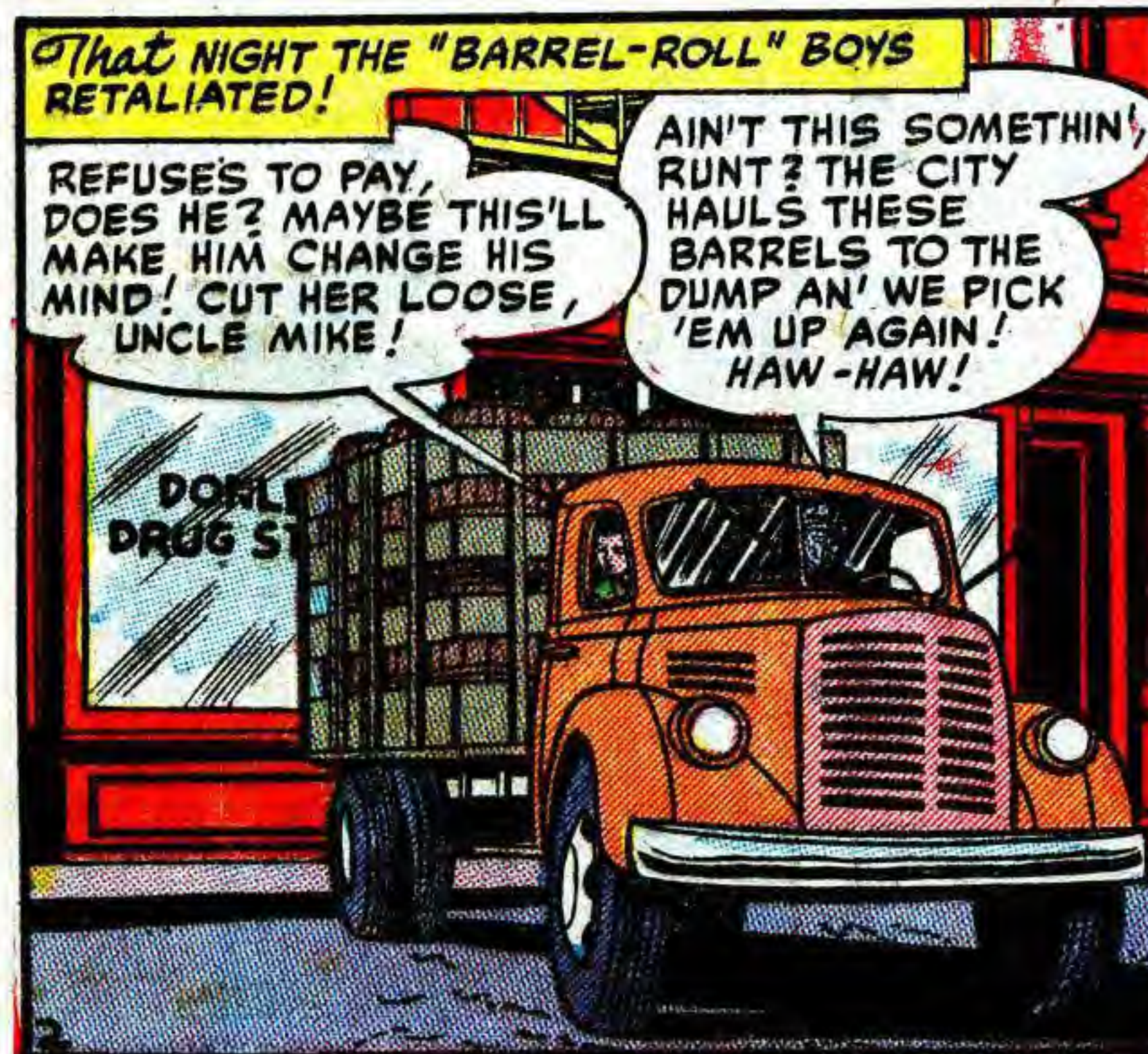
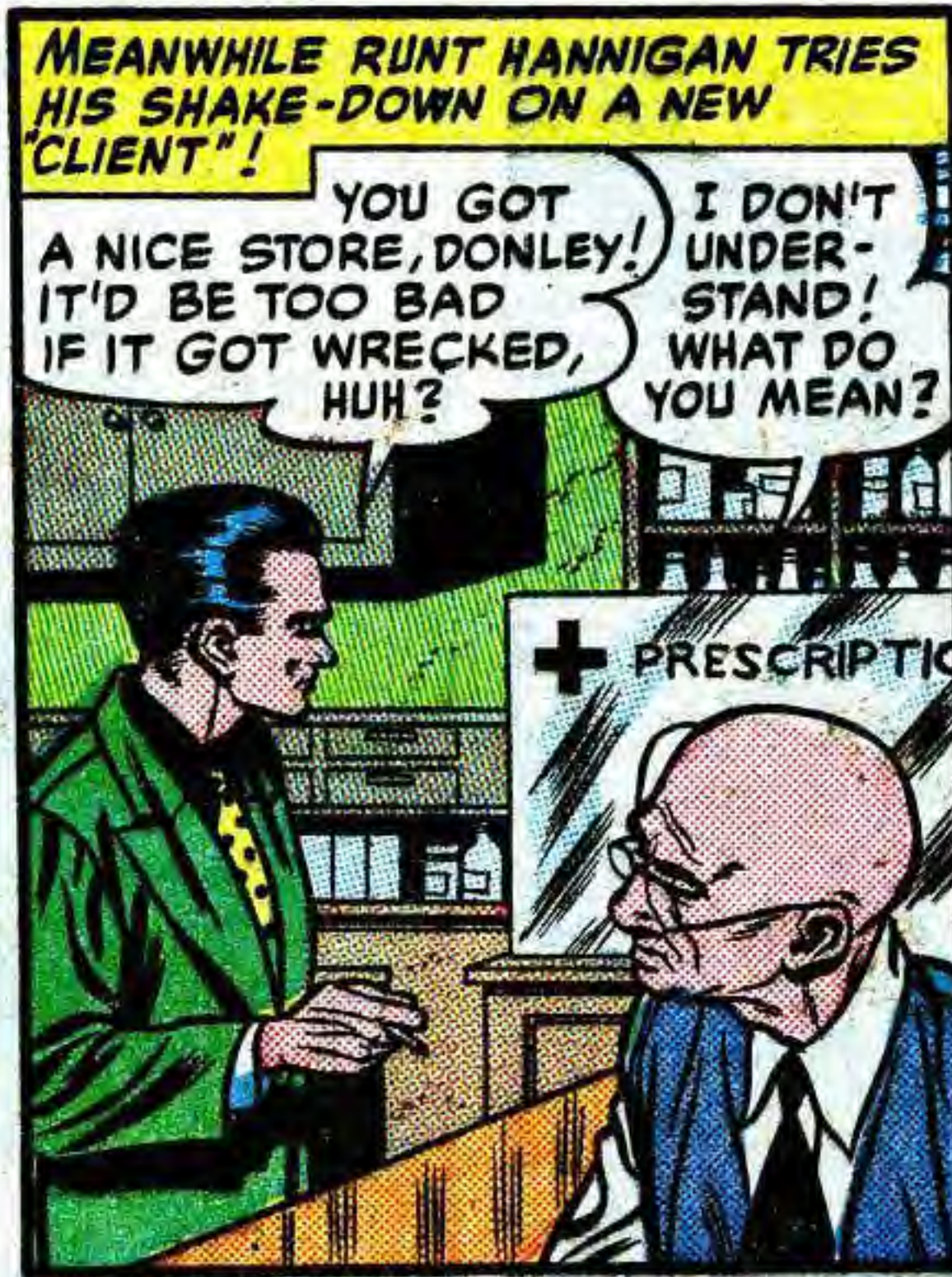
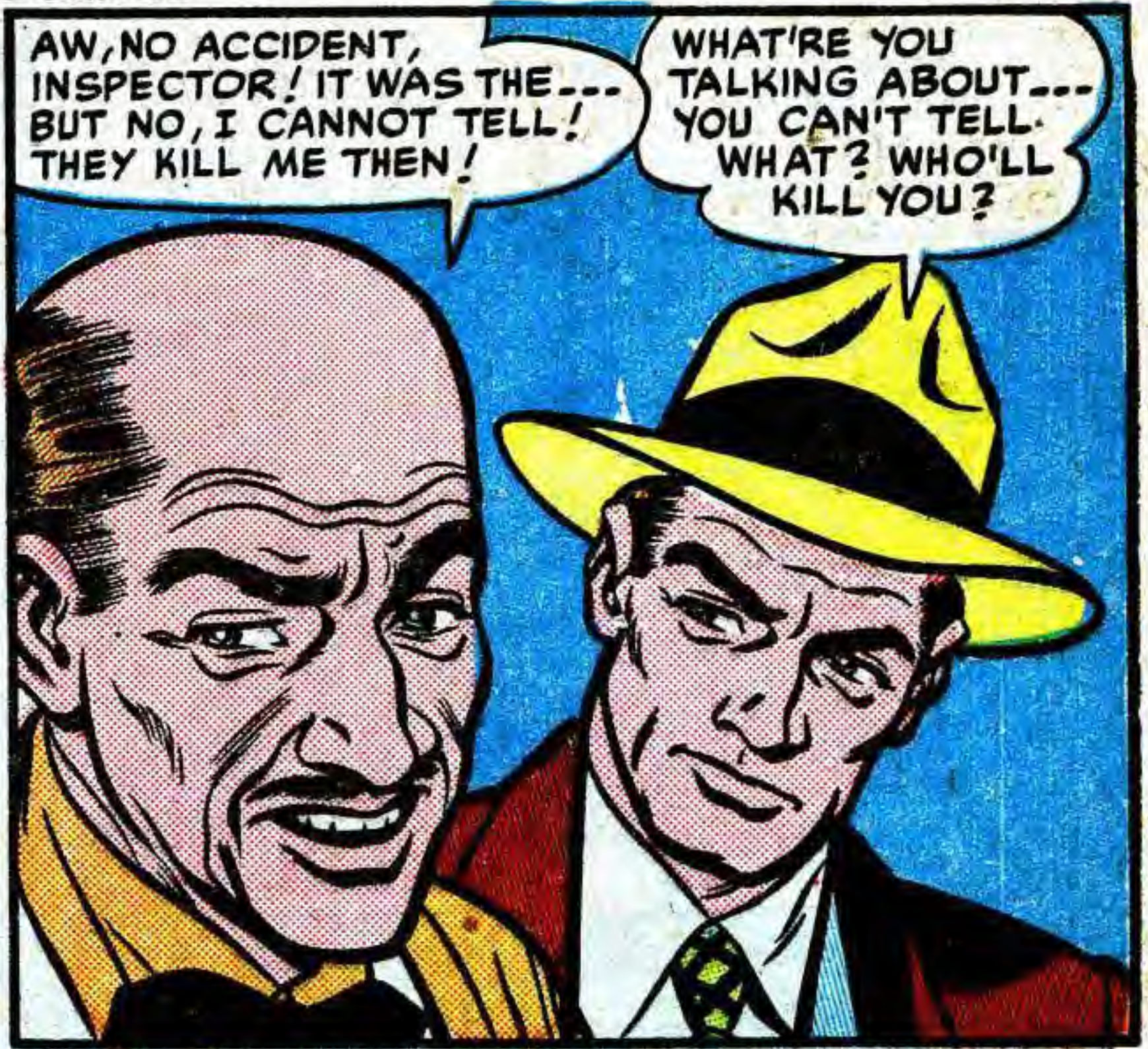


AND THERE THEY GO CRASHING THROUGH TONY RICCO'S VEGETABLE STORE! WE'D BETTER GIVE HIM A HAND!

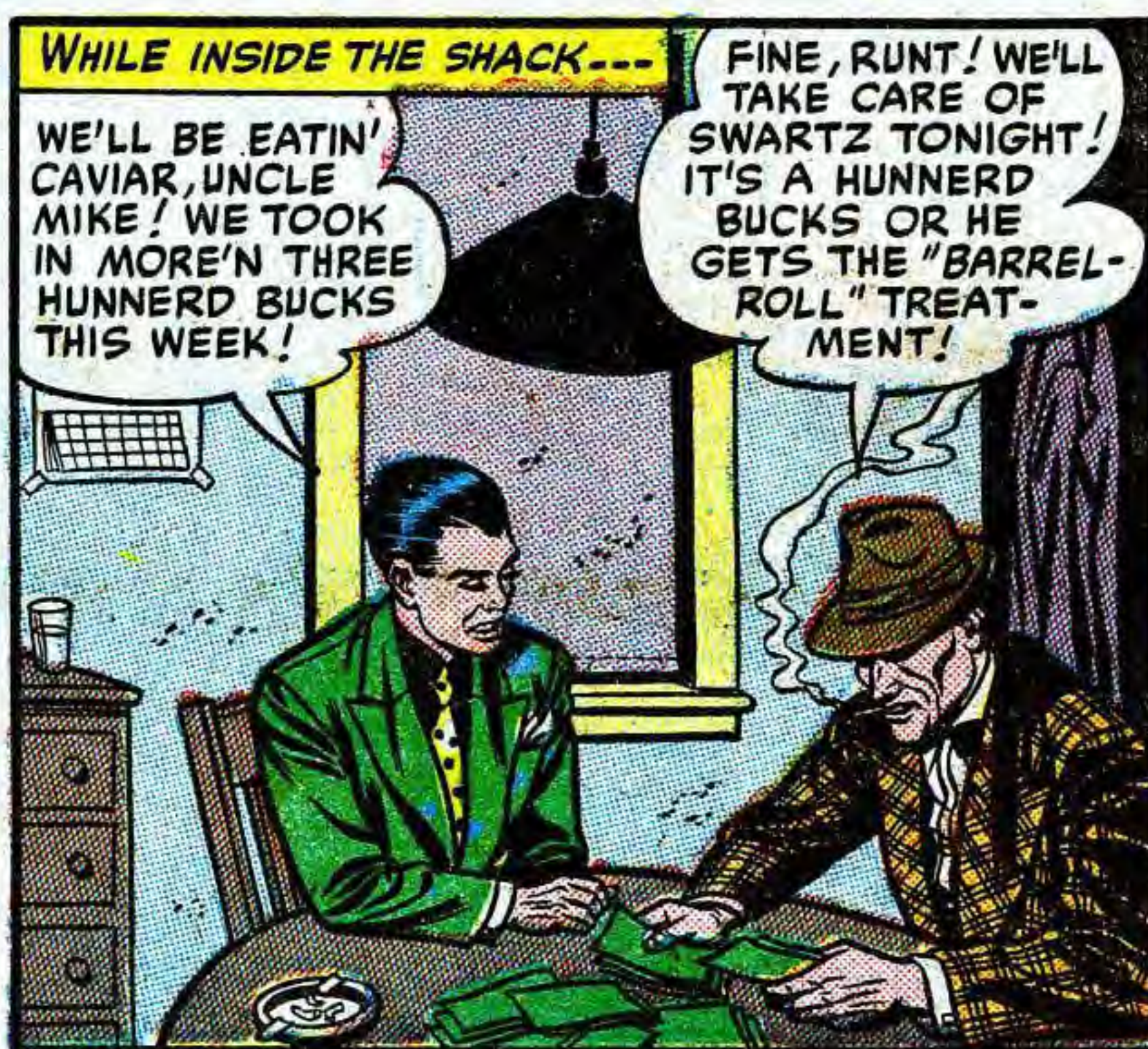
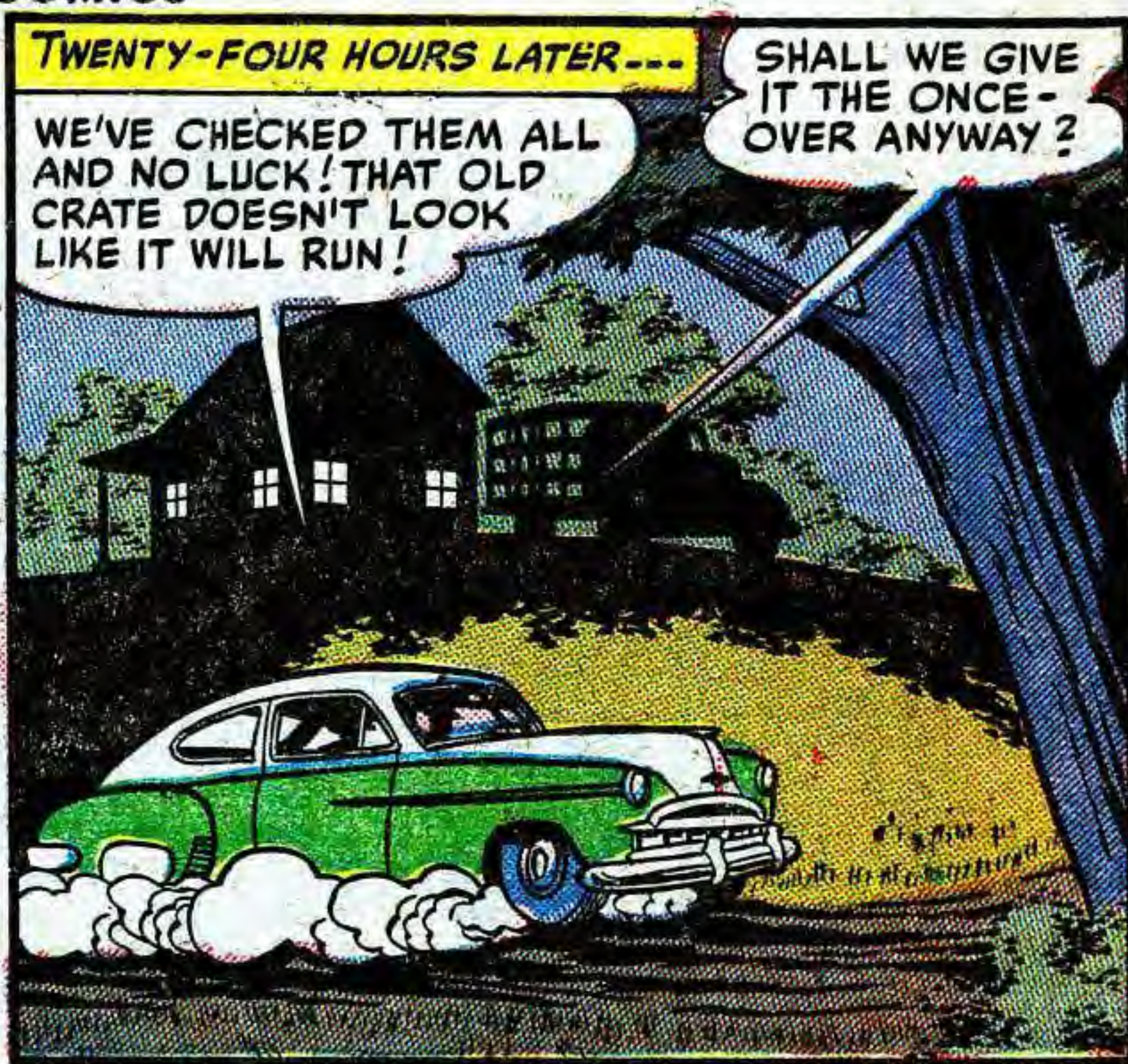
WE'D BETTER GRAB THAT TRUCK DRIVER FOR CARELESSNESS!





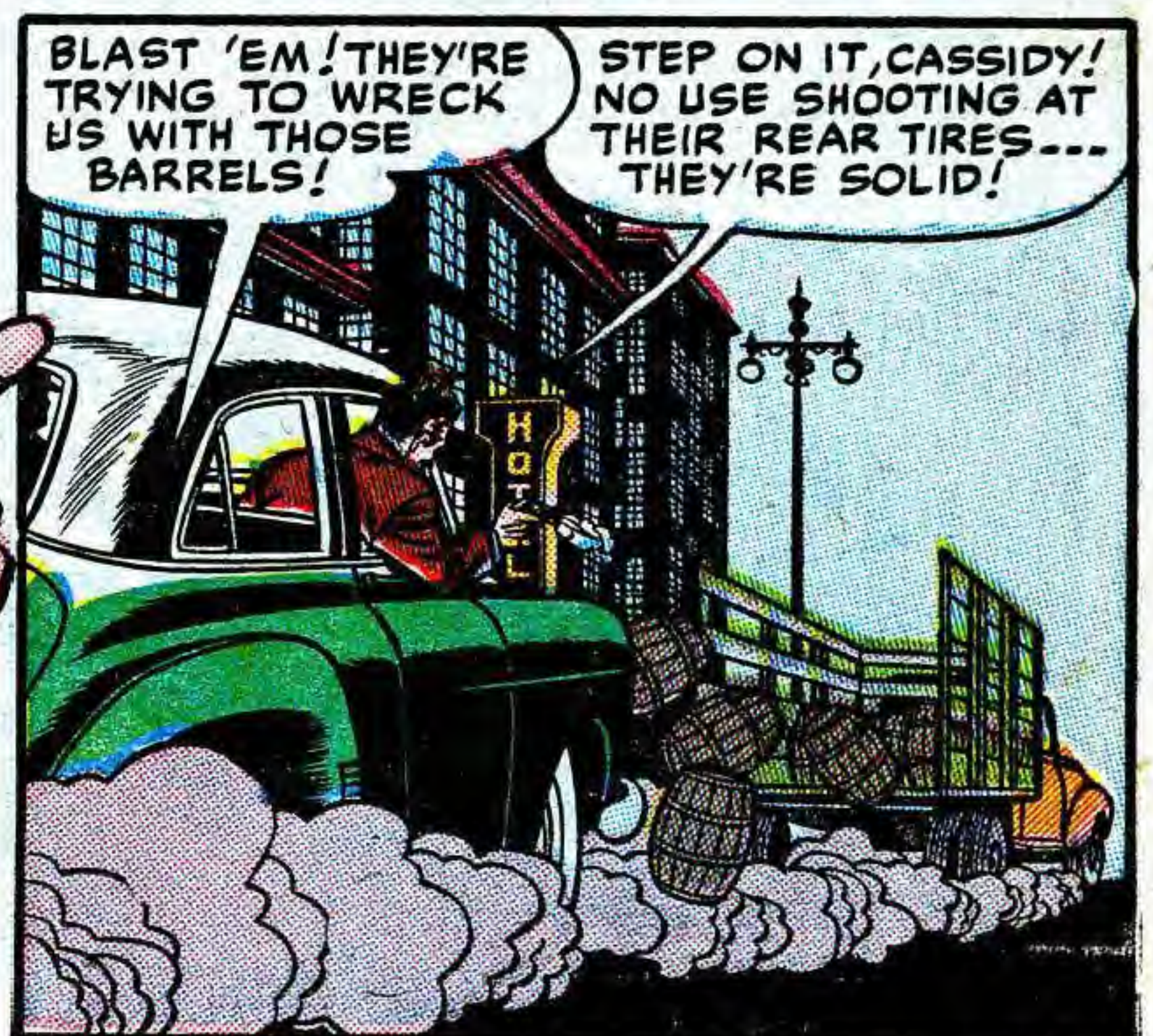
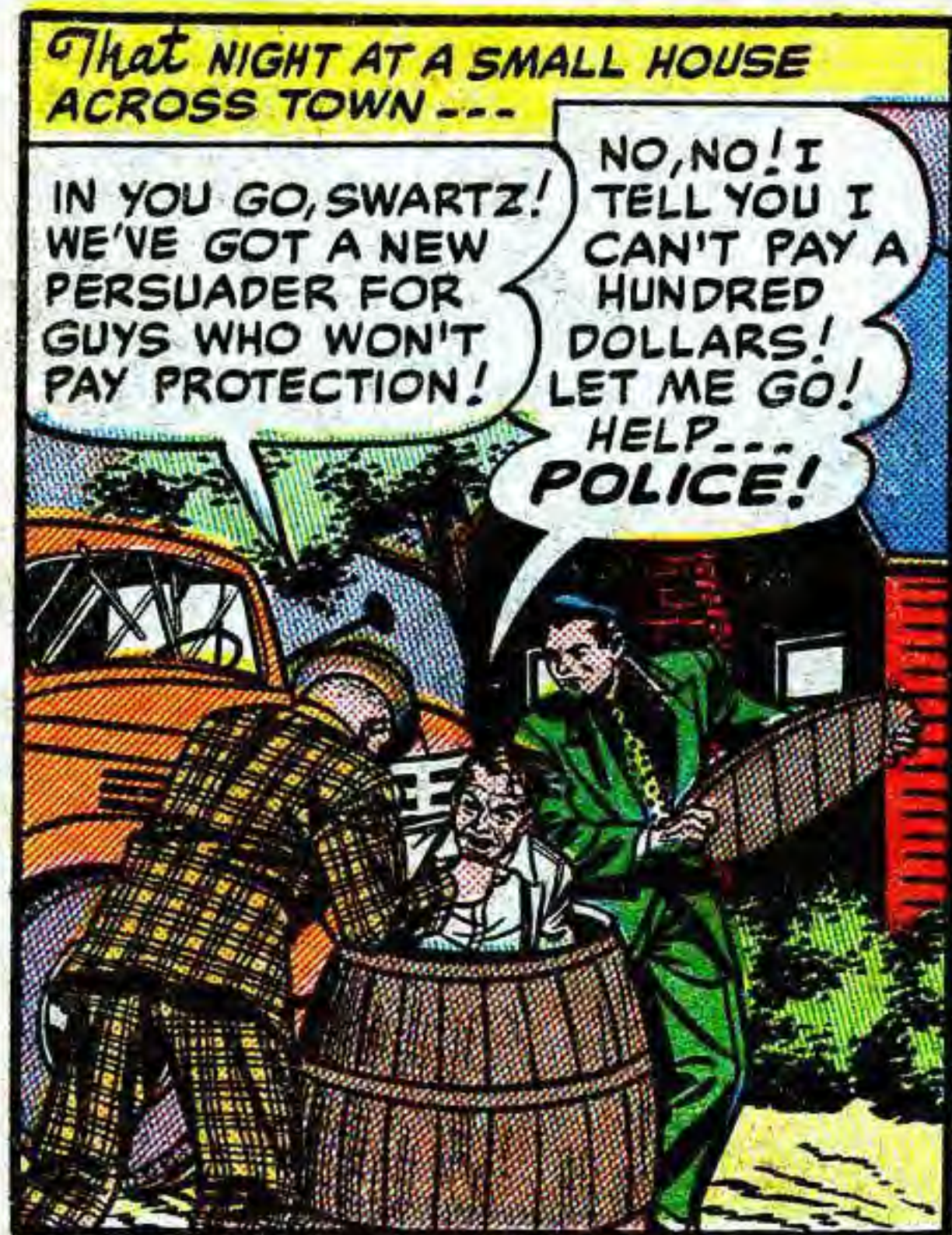




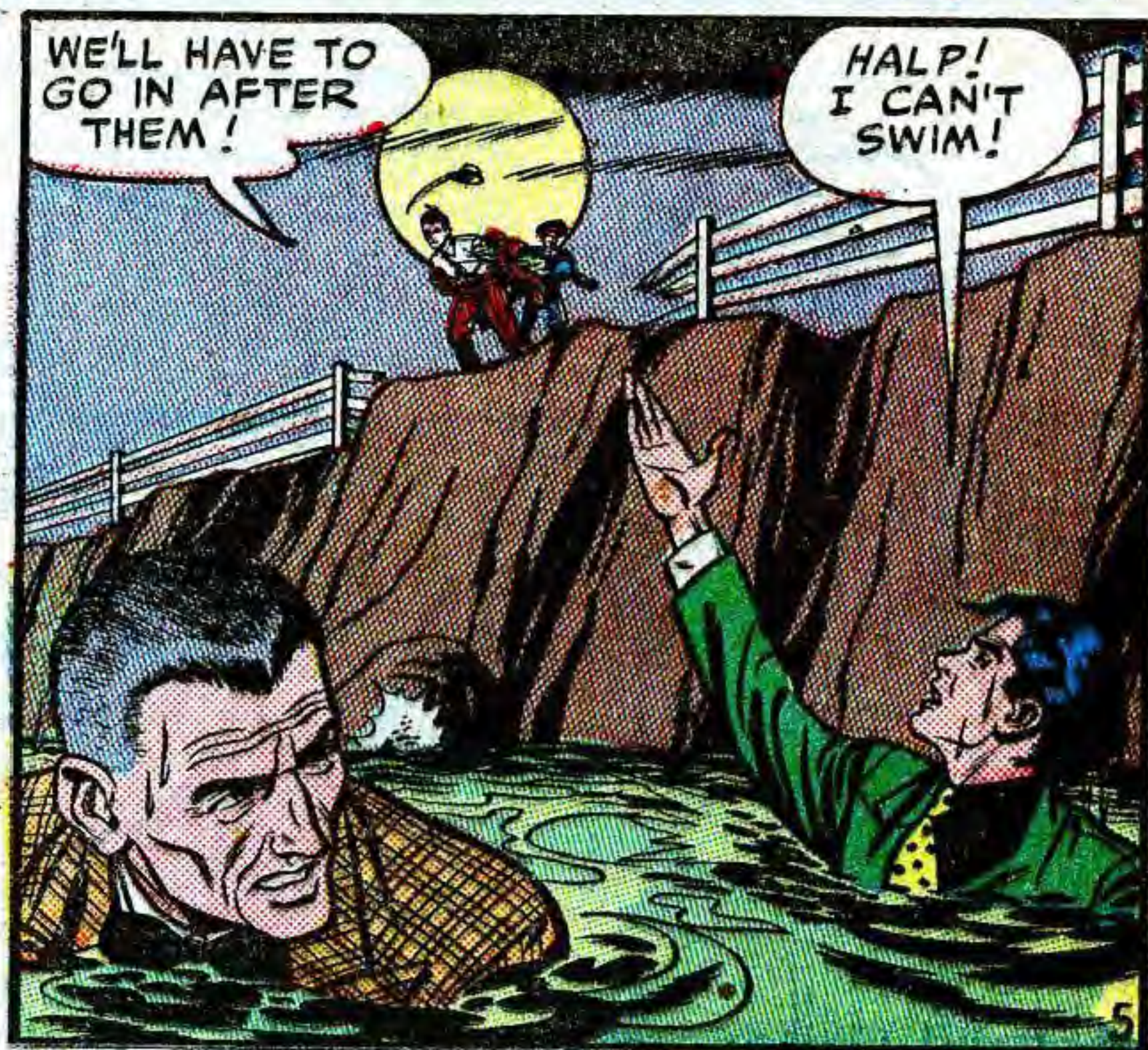
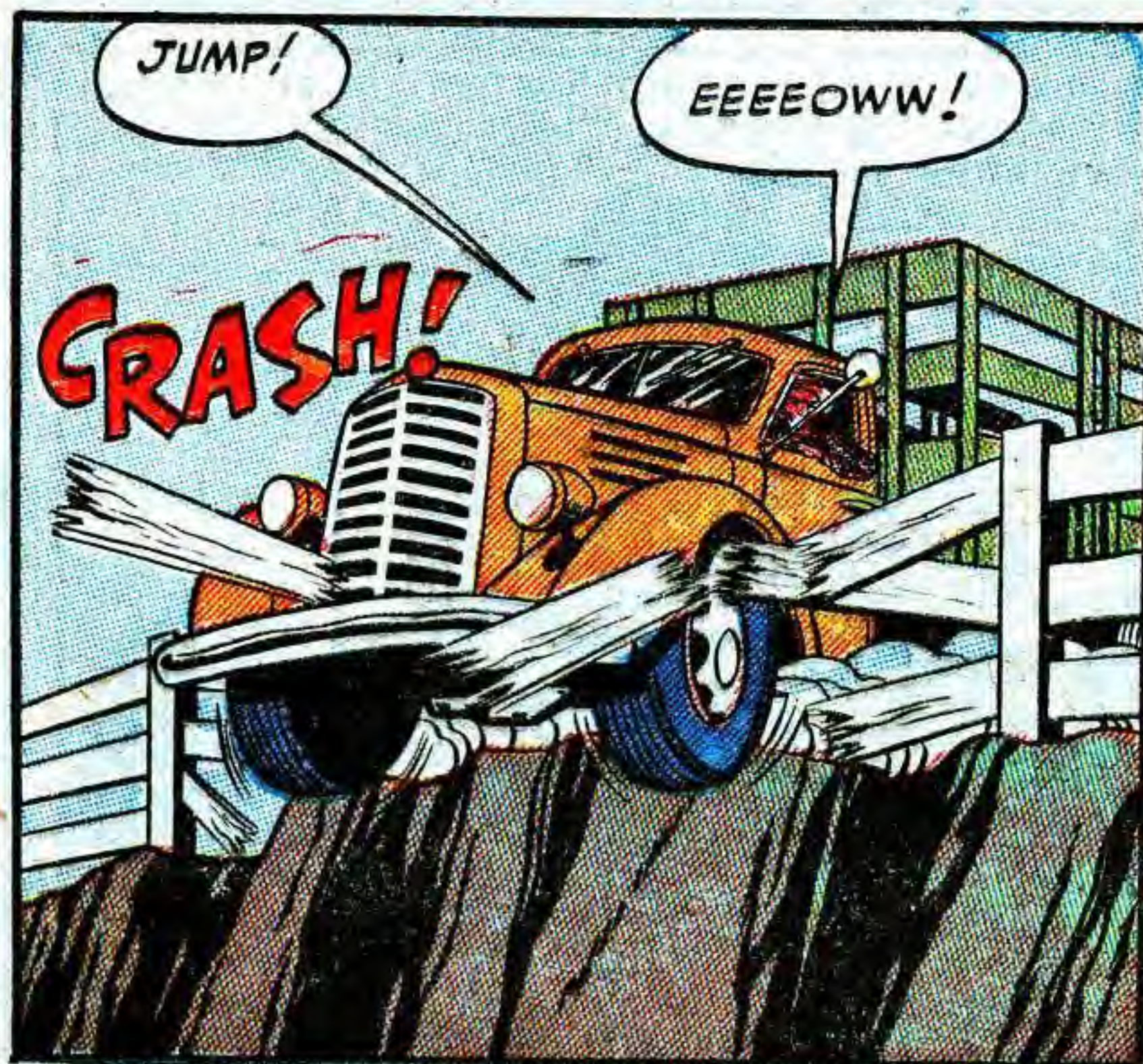




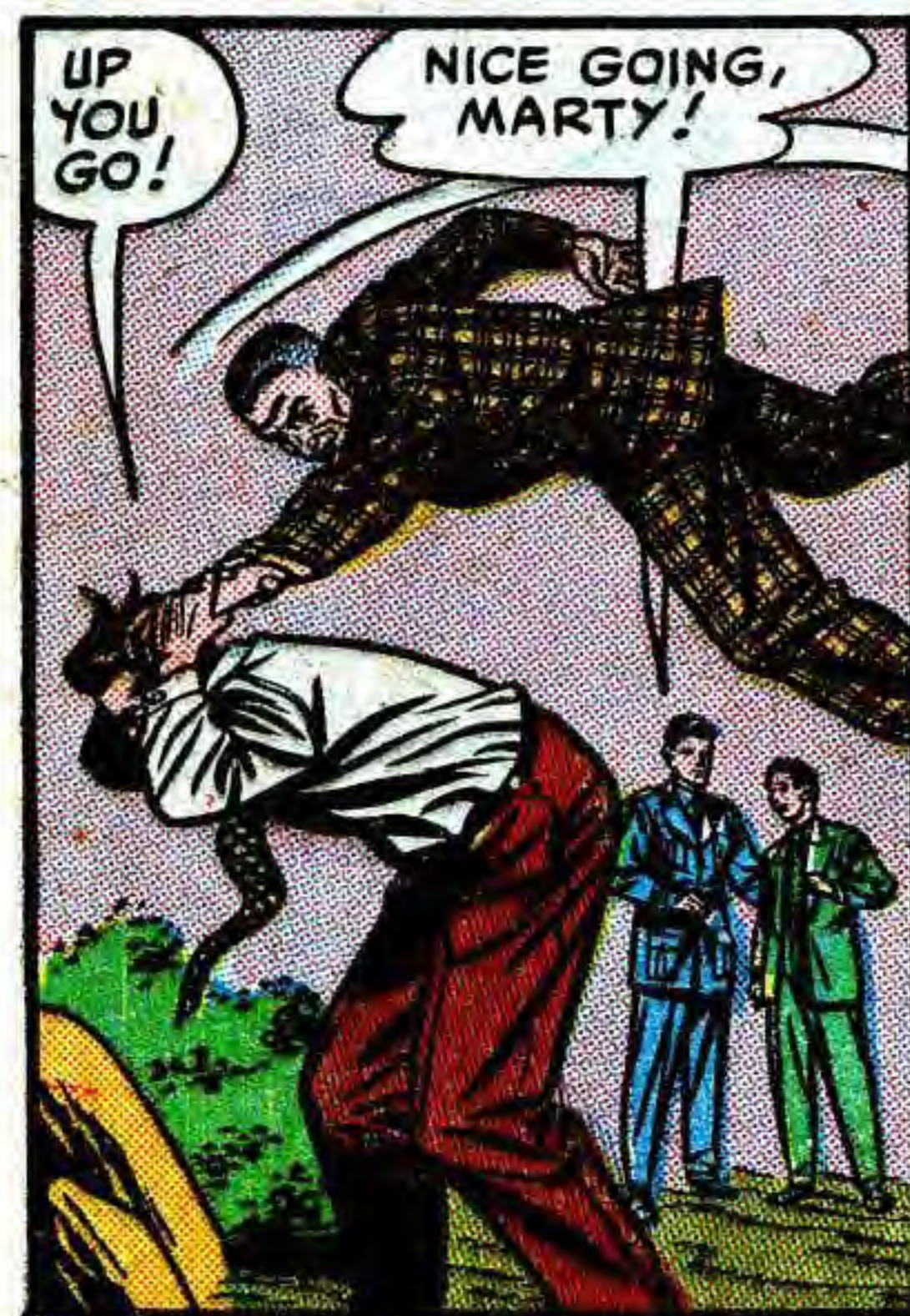
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# T-MAN

PARIS...CITY OF LAUGHTER AND LIGHT...CITY OF DARK AND SINISTER UNDERCURRENTS! I'VE OFTEN THOUGHT I'D LIKE TO LIVE IN PARIS... BUT I CAME A LOT CLOSER TO DYING THERE WHEN I SET OUT TO FIND THE PEDDLER OF DEATH WHOSE STOCK IN TRADE WAS ...

"MURDER from MOSCOW!"



PARIS IS LIKE ANY OTHER CITY IN ONE RESPECT...IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE YOU CAN USUALLY FIND IT!

BUT YOU'D BETTER BE SURE YOU WANT IT BEFORE YOU ASK FOR IT AT LE BETE NOIR...THE BLACK BEAST!

YOU KEEP OUT OF THIS!

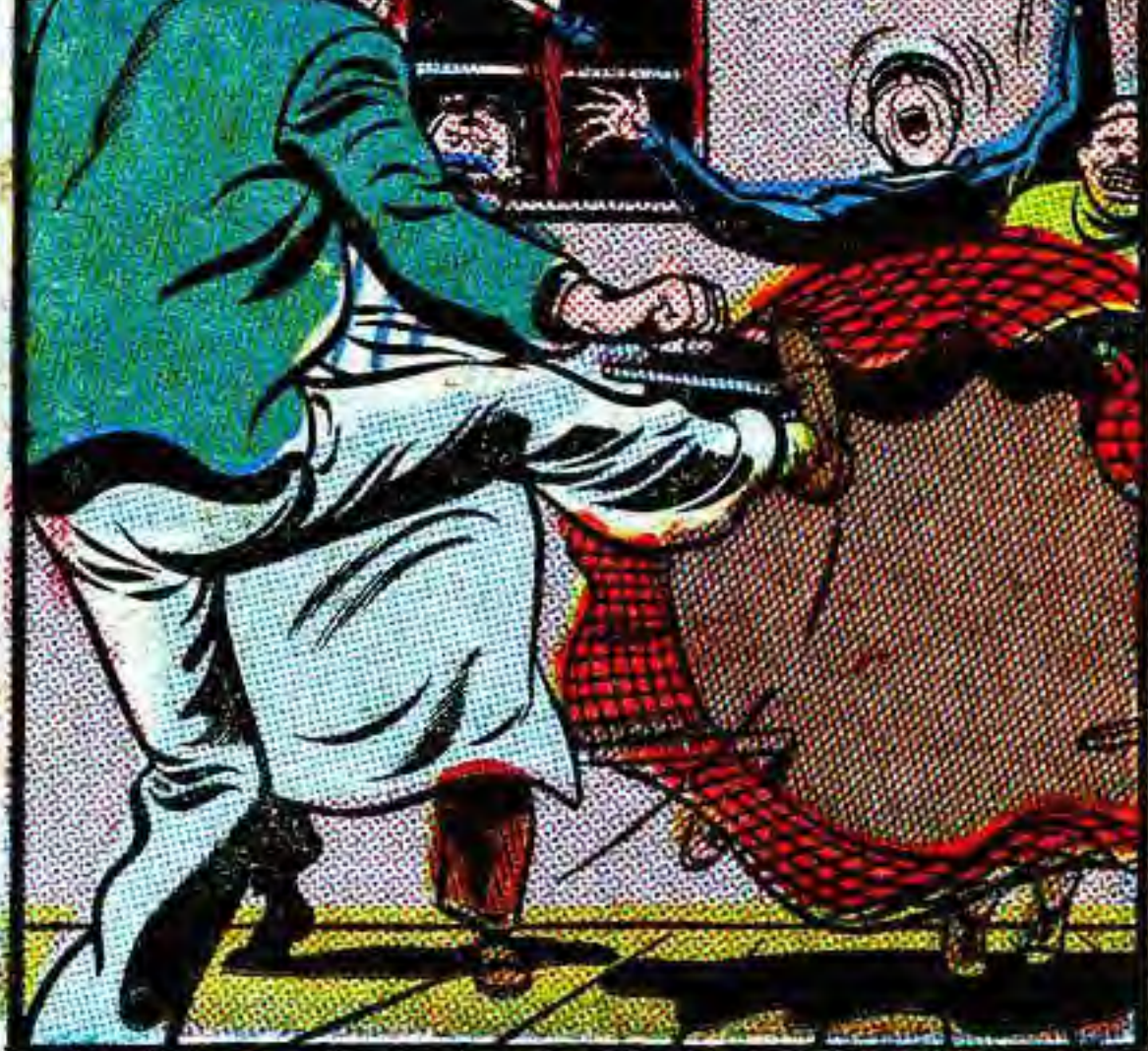
I WILL CARVE HIS GULLET INTO... OOOFFF!

PAH! YOU CALL THAT WINE? I'VE SEEN PIGS TURN UP THEIR SNOUTS AT BETTER SWILL!

NOM D'UN NOM!

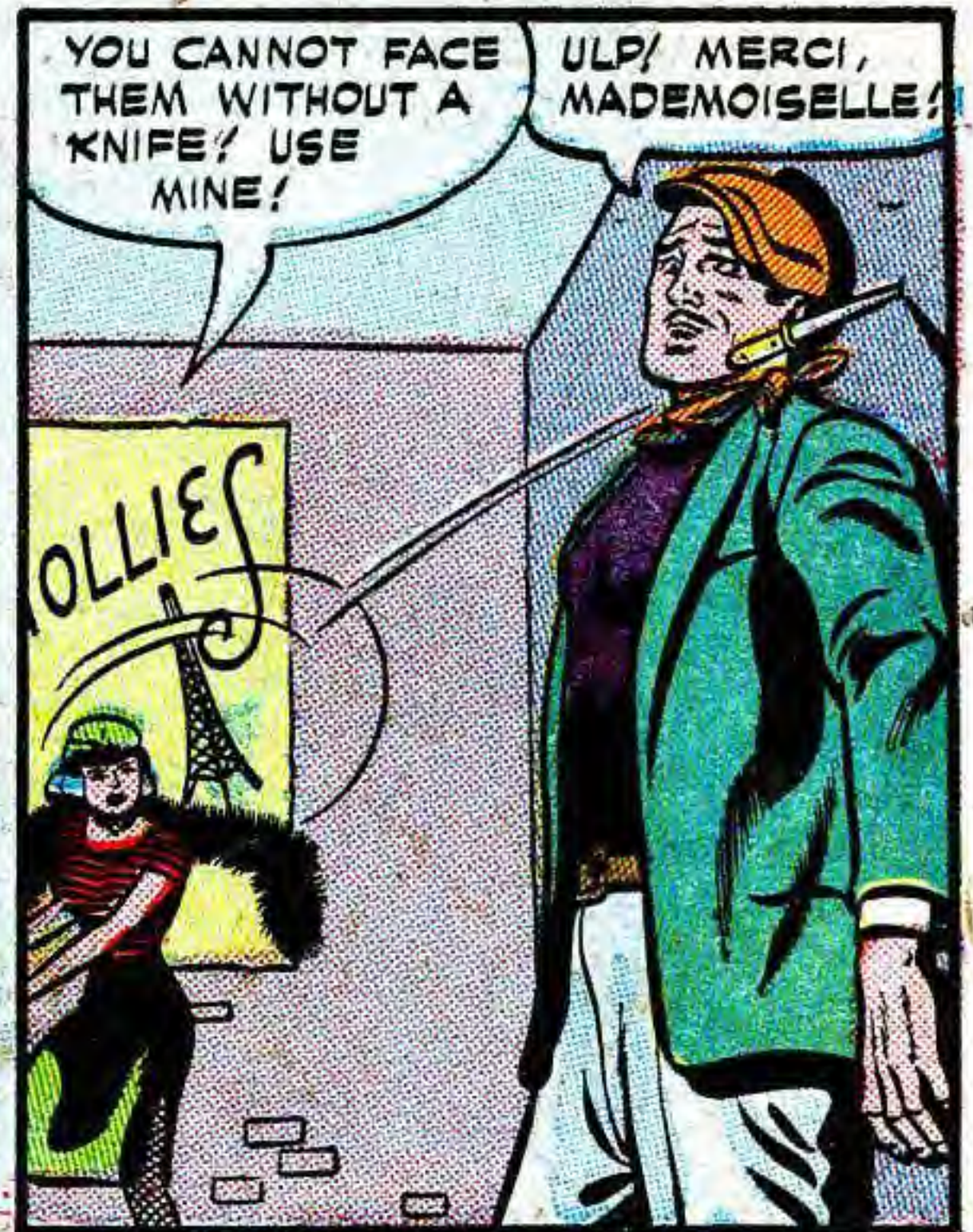
COCHON! SCUM! WHEN YOU INSULT MY WINE, YOU INSULT ME!

THAT, MONSIEUR, WAS MY INTENTION!





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NOW I WAS REALLY SWEATING! A KNIFE FIGHT WITH PARIS APACHES WAS NO PART OF MY PLAN! THEN I GOT MY BREAK...



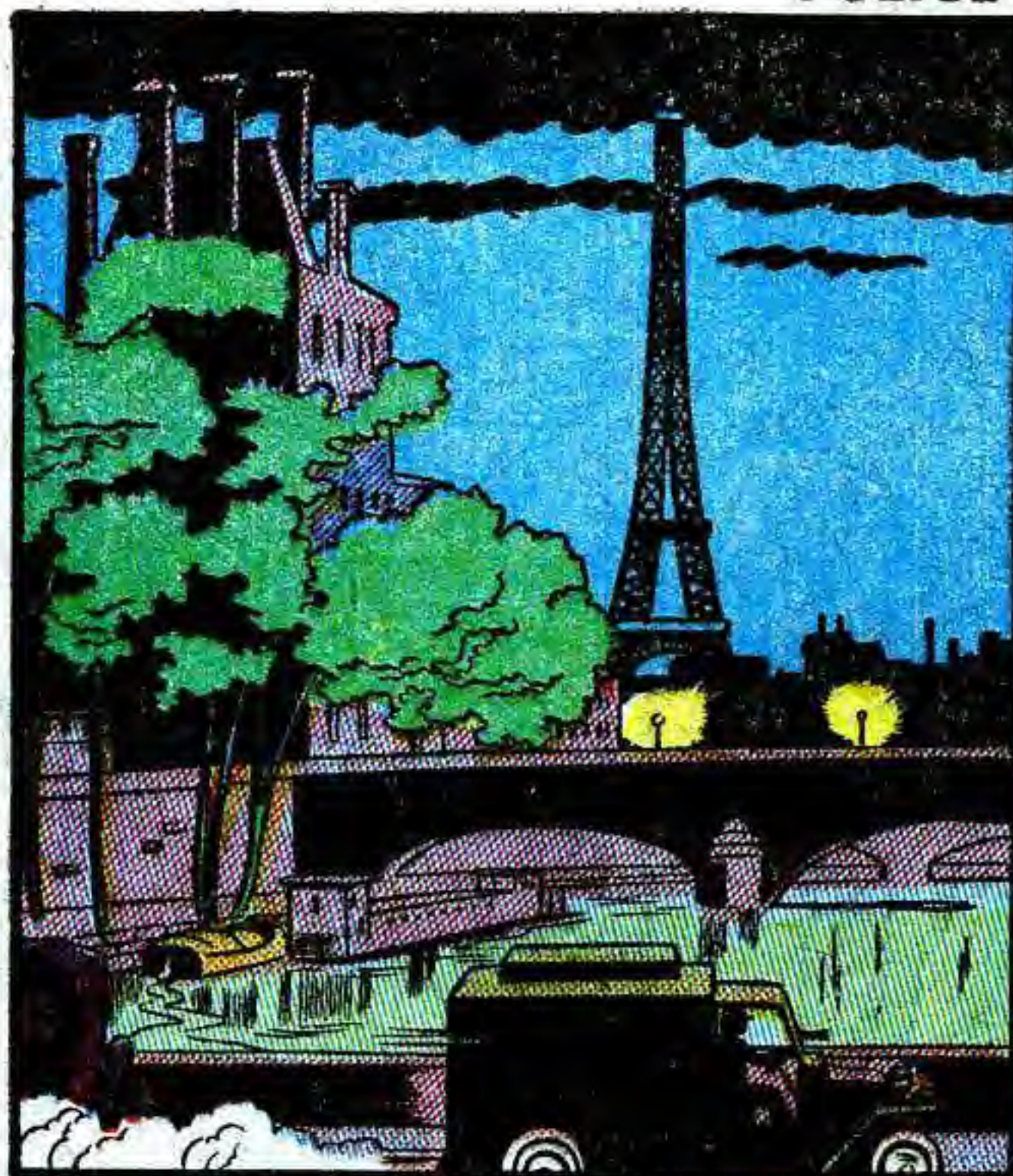
I SNARLED AND CURSED THEM AND EVENTUALLY THEY LET THE PROPRIETOR GO AND HAULED ME AWAY!





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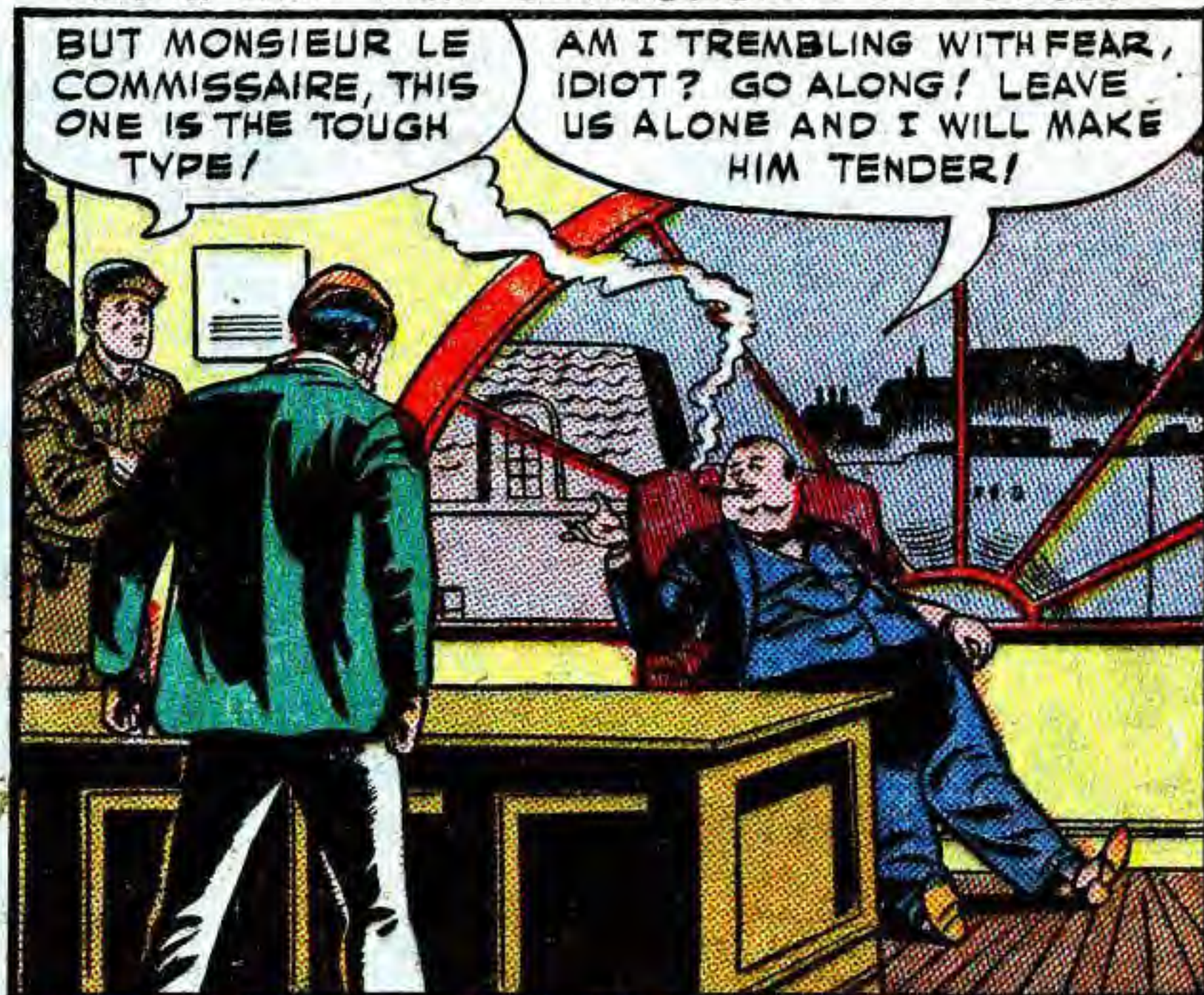
I FELT BETTER WHEN WE CROSSED THE SEINE, HEADING TOWARD THE MUSTY OLD PREFECTURE DE POLICE BUILDING!



THE COPS HATED TO LEAVE A BAD EGG LIKE ME ALONE WITH THEIR COMMISSIONER OF POLICE!

BUT MONSIEUR LE COMMISSAIRE, THIS ONE IS THE TOUGH TYPE!

AM I TREMBLING WITH FEAR, IDIOT? GO ALONG! LEAVE US ALONE AND I WILL MAKE HIM TENDER!



THE MOMENT THEY HAD GONE...

MONSIEUR TRASK! YOU HAVE SURVIVED THE GREAT DANGER, MON AMI!

UH...YEAH, SURE! UH... HI, CHIEF! BEEN WAITING LONG?



TWO DAYS! WAS THIS CLOAK-AND-DAGGER STUNT FOR A SECRET MEETING YOUR IDEA?

YEAH, BUT I CAN DO WITHOUT ANY MORE DAGGERS! BUT MOSTLY I NEEDED THE REPUTATION OF BEING NABBED BY THE COPS!



YOUR TIP WAS RIGHT, LANDREAU! THERE IS A COMMUNIST AGENT HERE, RECRUITING UNDERWORLD THUGS TO ASSASSINATE YOUR LEADERS!

MON DIEU! YOU HAVE FOUND THIS ONE? YOU CAN NAME HIM, NON?



NO! BUT I'M BETTING AFTER THE SHOW I PUT ON TONIGHT, HE'LL HUNT ME UP AND OFFER ME A JOB! THAT'S WHAT I'M PLAYING FOR!

YOU'RE TAKING A BIG RISK, PETE! IF THEY GUESS YOU'RE NOT A REAL PARIS APACHE!

THEN WE'LL HAVE A HASSLE AND SOME-BODY'LL GET AWFUL DEAD! C'EST LA VIE, AS THE FRENCH SAY! IT IS LIFE!

IT'S YOUR NECK, PETE! WE'LL SLIP YOU OUT A BACK DOOR AND ISSUE A COVER STORY ON YOUR ARREST! GOOD LUCK, BOY!

I DIDN'T TELL THE CHIEF WHERE I WAS HEADING! I DIDN'T THINK HE'D LIKE IT...

I'VE GOT A DATE AT LA BETE NOIR... WITH A GUY WHO WANTS TO KILL ME AND A GAL WHO'S GENEROUS WITH HER PRIVATE KNIFE!





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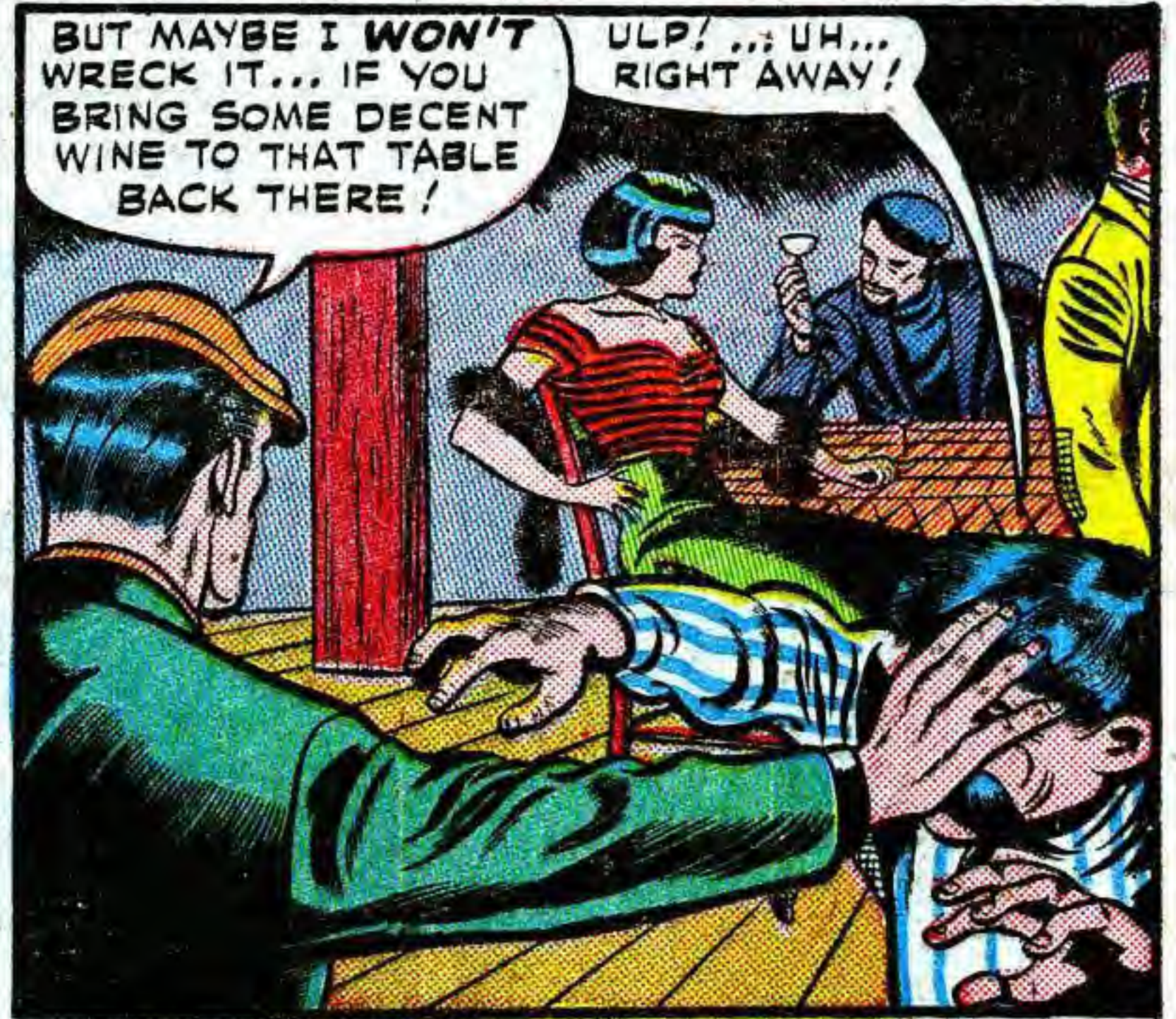
OKAY, SO I HAD A FEW COLD CHILLS AS I TRAMPED BACK DOWN THE DISMAL STAIRS!



GRAWWK!  
YOU!  
NAME OF A  
NAME! THE  
POLICE!

THEY LET ME GO!  
THEY SAID YOUR  
PLACE WAS SUCH  
A DISGRACE THEY'D  
LET ME OFF IF I'D  
COME BACK AND  
REALLY WRECK IT!

AND THEN I SAW WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR!



BUT MAYBE I WON'T  
WRECK IT... IF YOU  
BRING SOME DECENT  
WINE TO THAT TABLE  
BACK THERE!

ULP! ...UH...  
RIGHT AWAY!



WHO?... OH;  
YOU AGAIN!  
YOU HAVE A  
NERVE, COMING  
BACK HERE!

OF COURSE! BUT  
I HAD TO LEARN  
YOUR NAME...  
AND RETURN THE  
ER... TOOL YOU  
LOANED ME!

THE GIRL'S TOUGH COMPANION WAS  
MUTTERING UGLY THREATS! HE  
LOOKED NASTY ENOUGH TO BACK  
THEM UP!



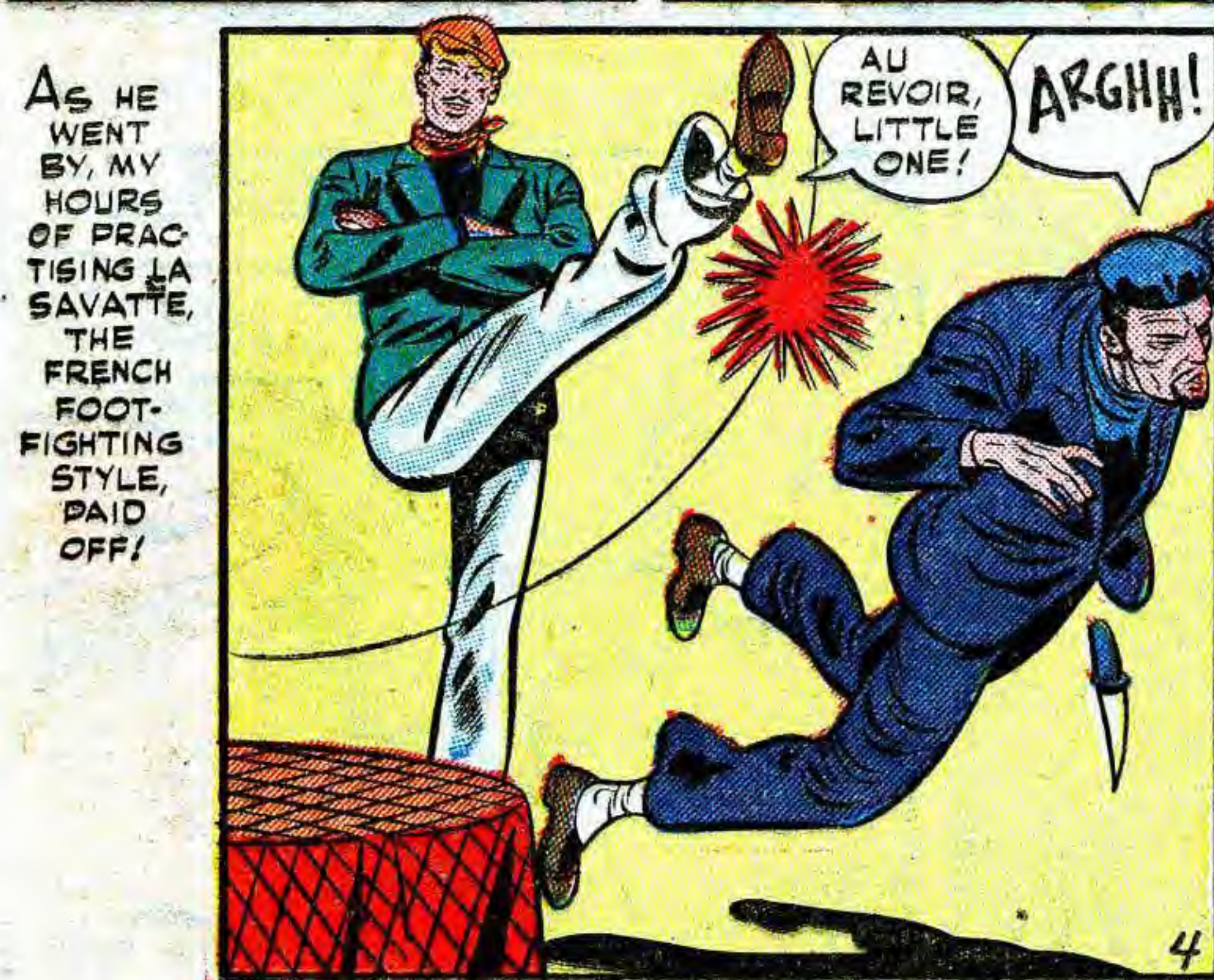
HERE, LITTLE CABBAGE!  
HERE IS TEN FRANCS!  
GO BUY YOURSELF A  
DRINK AND LEAVE  
US ALONE!

WHA...?  
WHY,  
YOU...!



SACRE...!

ZUT!



AS HE  
WENT  
BY, MY  
HOURS  
OF PRAC-  
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REVOIR,  
LITTLE  
ONE!

ARGHH!



YOU AREN'T AFRAID  
OF ANYONE, ARE YOU?  
NOW WHERE IS MY  
KNIFE YOU SPOKE  
OF RETURNING?

CLOSER THAN  
YOU THINK...!



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I TOSSED IT UP HERE WHEN THE COPS CAME! THEY COULDN'T FIND IT SO THEY HAD TO LET ME GO!

YOU ARE A COOL ONE! WHAT IS YOUR NAME?



THIS WEEK YOU MAY CALL ME PEPE!

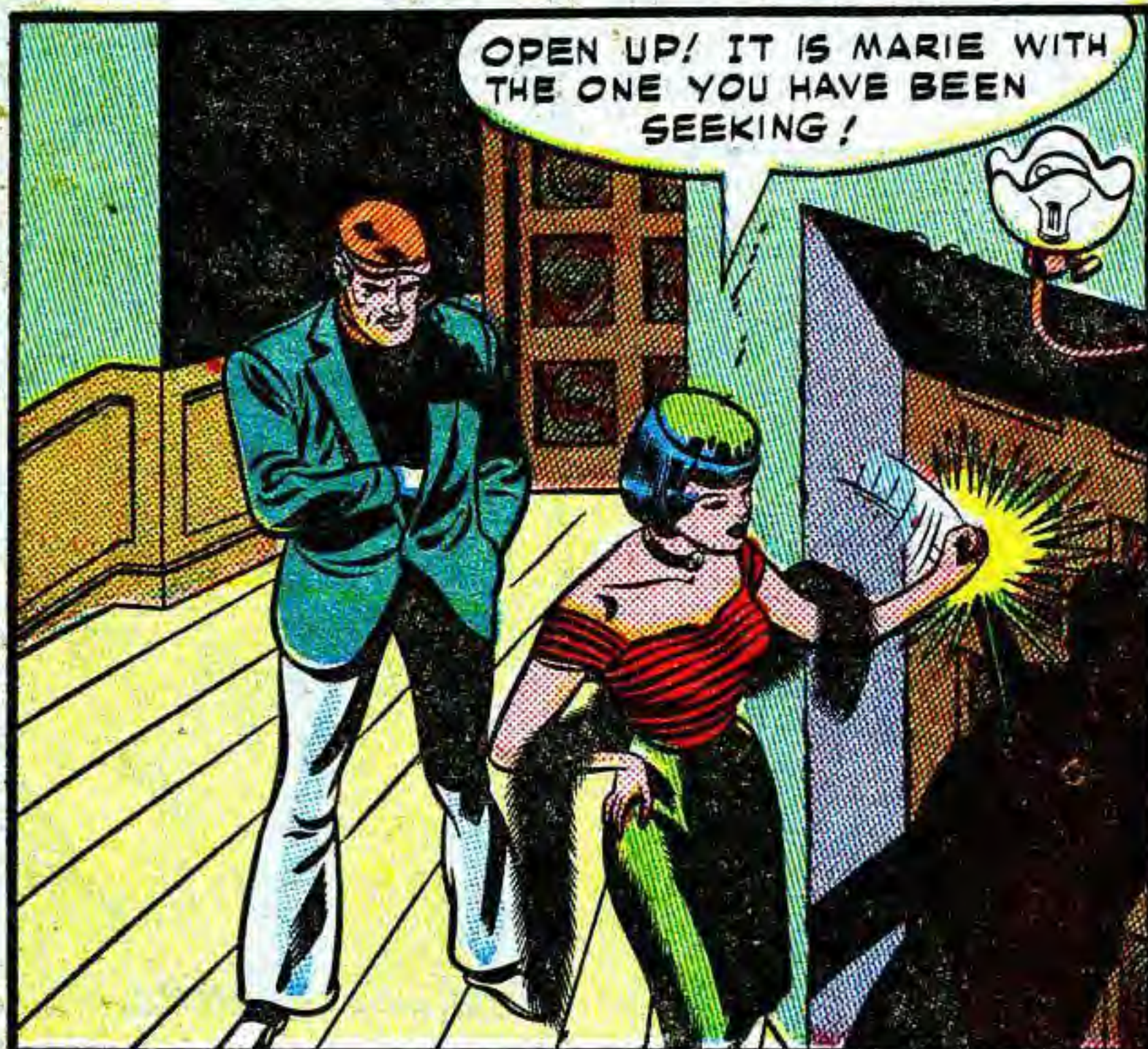
I'M MARIE! COME ALONG AND MEET SOMEONE WHO WILL PAY WELL FOR TALENTS LIKE YOURS, PEPE!



IF THIS IS A TRAP, LITTLE ONE, IT WILL GO HARD WITH SOMEONE!

IT IS NO TRAP! I HAD TO MAKE SURE OF YOU BEFORE I SPOKE OF THE MATTER!

MARIE RAPPED A PECULIAR CODE ON AN UPSTAIRS DOOR! I EASED MY GUN AROUND WHERE I COULD GET AT IT FAST!

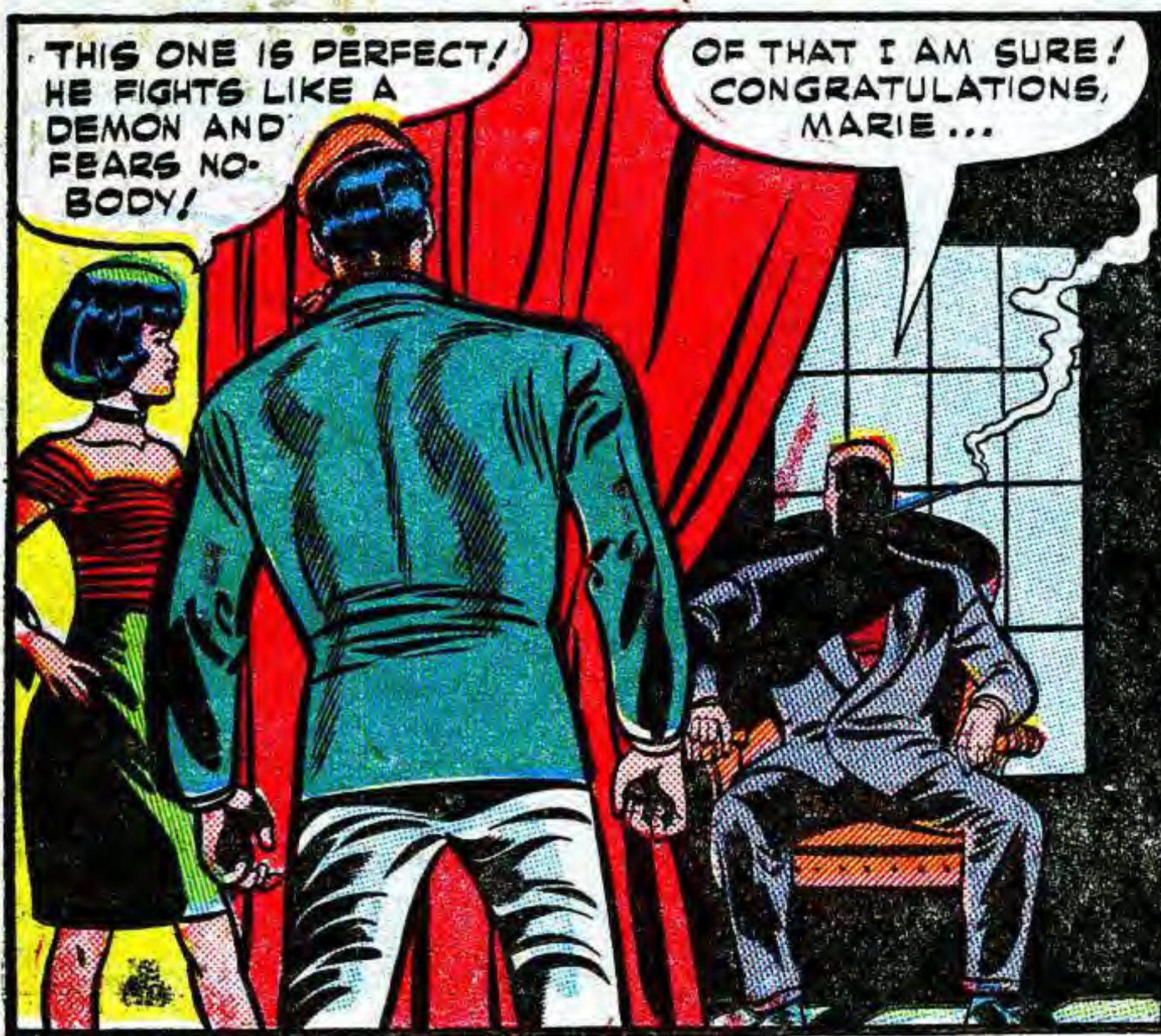


OPEN UP! IT IS MARIE WITH THE ONE YOU HAVE BEEN SEEKING!



IT IS MARIE, WITH ONE PERSON!

BRING THEM INSIDE, FOOLS! DO WE DO BUSINESS IN HALLS?



THIS ONE IS PERFECT! HE FIGHTS LIKE A DEMON AND FEARS NO-BODY!

OF THAT I AM SURE! CONGRATULATIONS, MARIE...



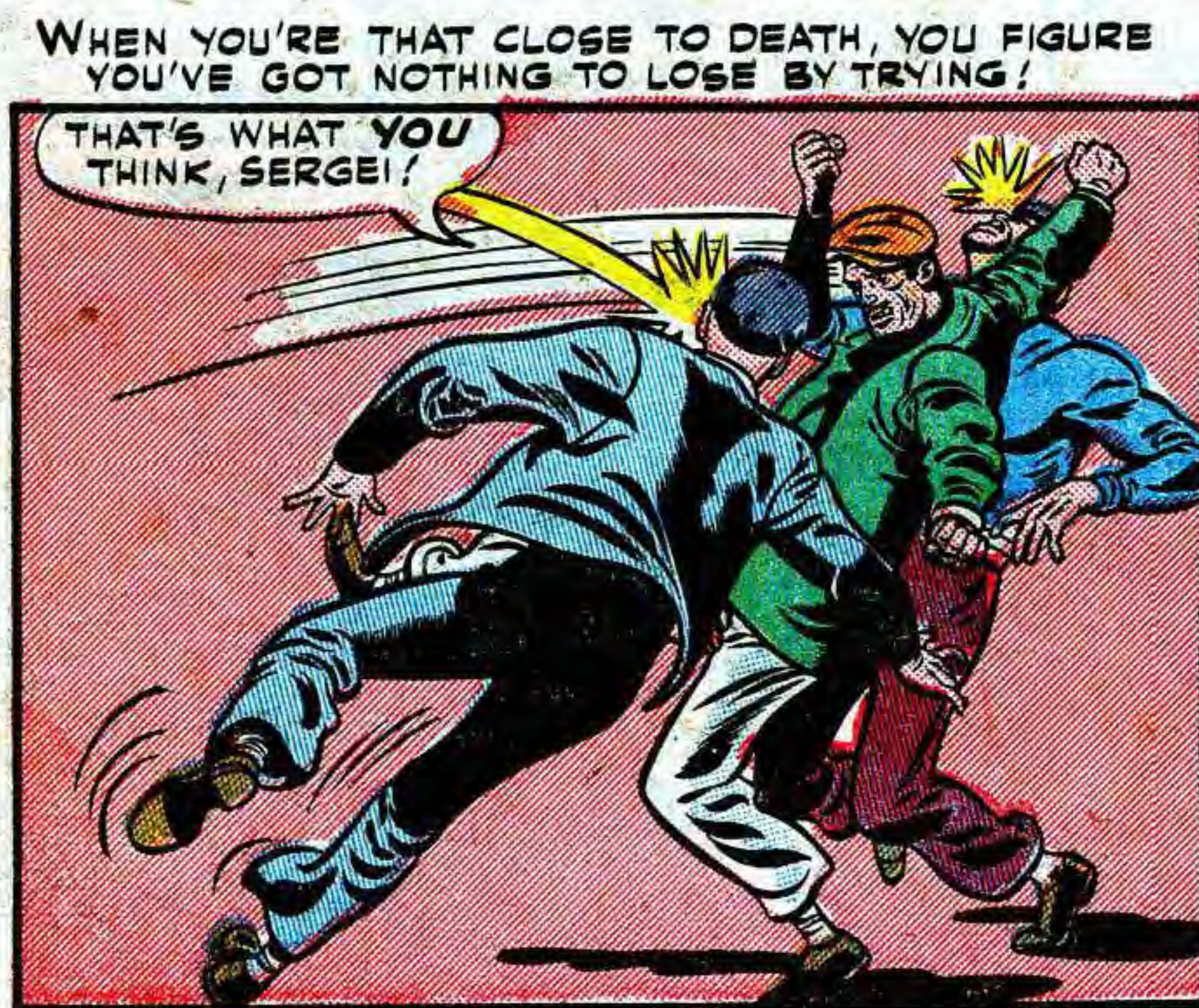
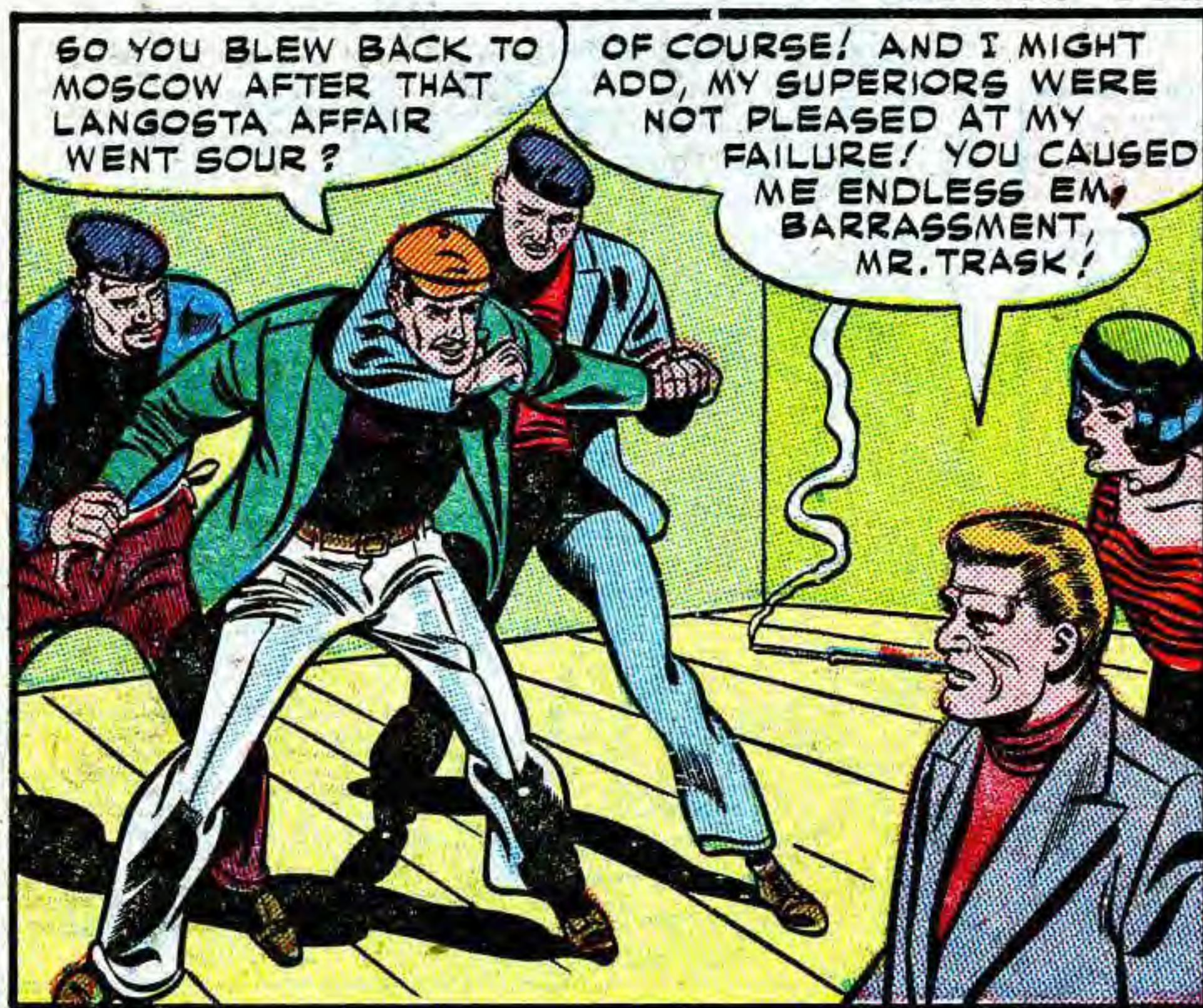
AND THEN MY WHOLE BEAUTIFUL CASE BLEW UP RIGHT IN MY DUMB FACE!

YOU HAVE JUST BROUGHT ME T-MAN PETE TRASK, AN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGENT!

AWRRK! SERGEI RASSILOV!



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I FIGURED WE COULD ALL PLAY TWENTY QUESTIONS AFTER I'D TAKEN CARE OF SERGEI!



DON'T ASK ME WHERE SHE HID A WHISTLE IN THAT COSTUME... BUT SHE DUG ONE OUT AND BLEW IT AND SUDDENLY WE WERE NECK-DEEP IN COPS!



DAWN WAS BREAKING WHEN WE FINALLY WOUND EVERYTHING UP!



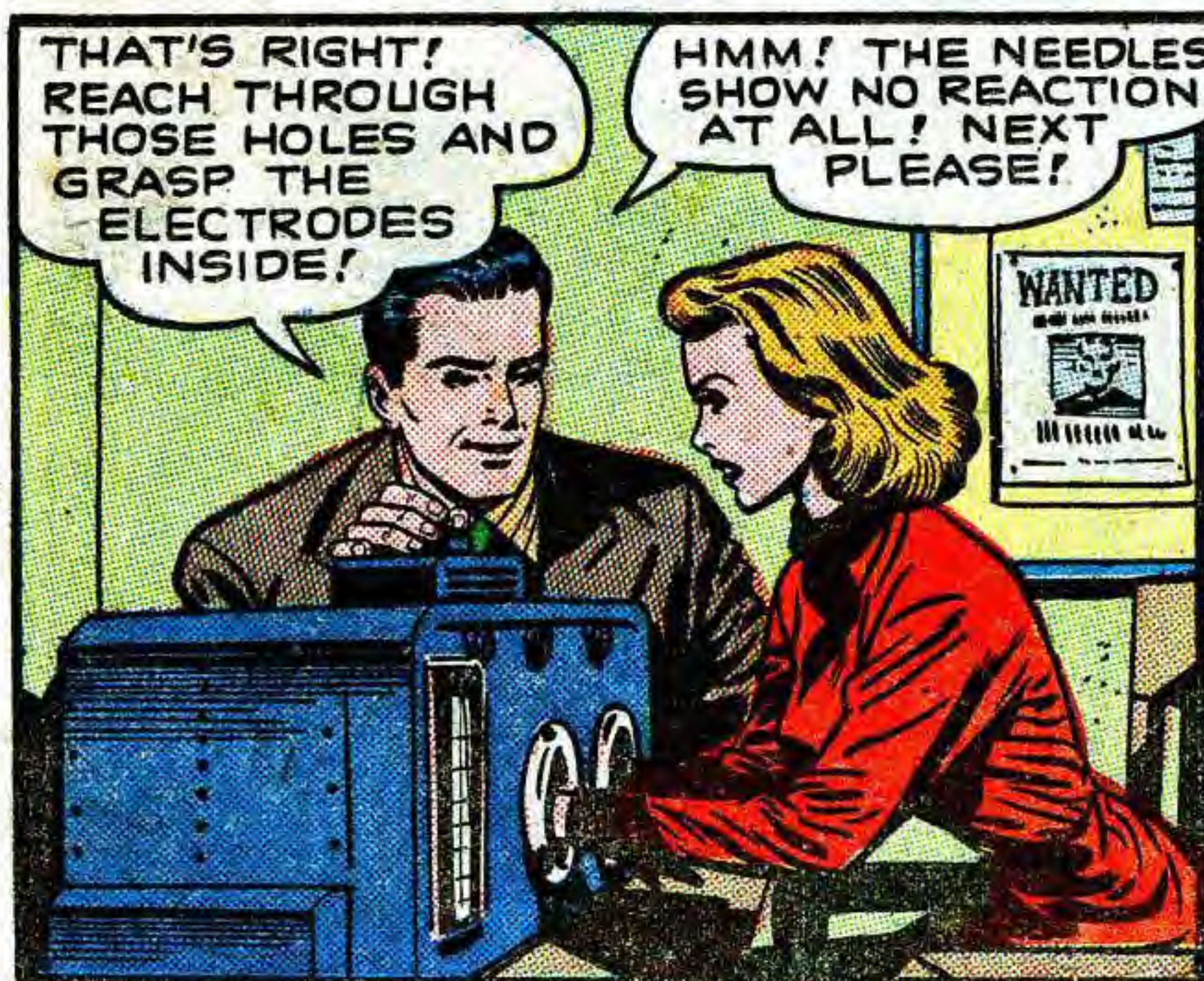
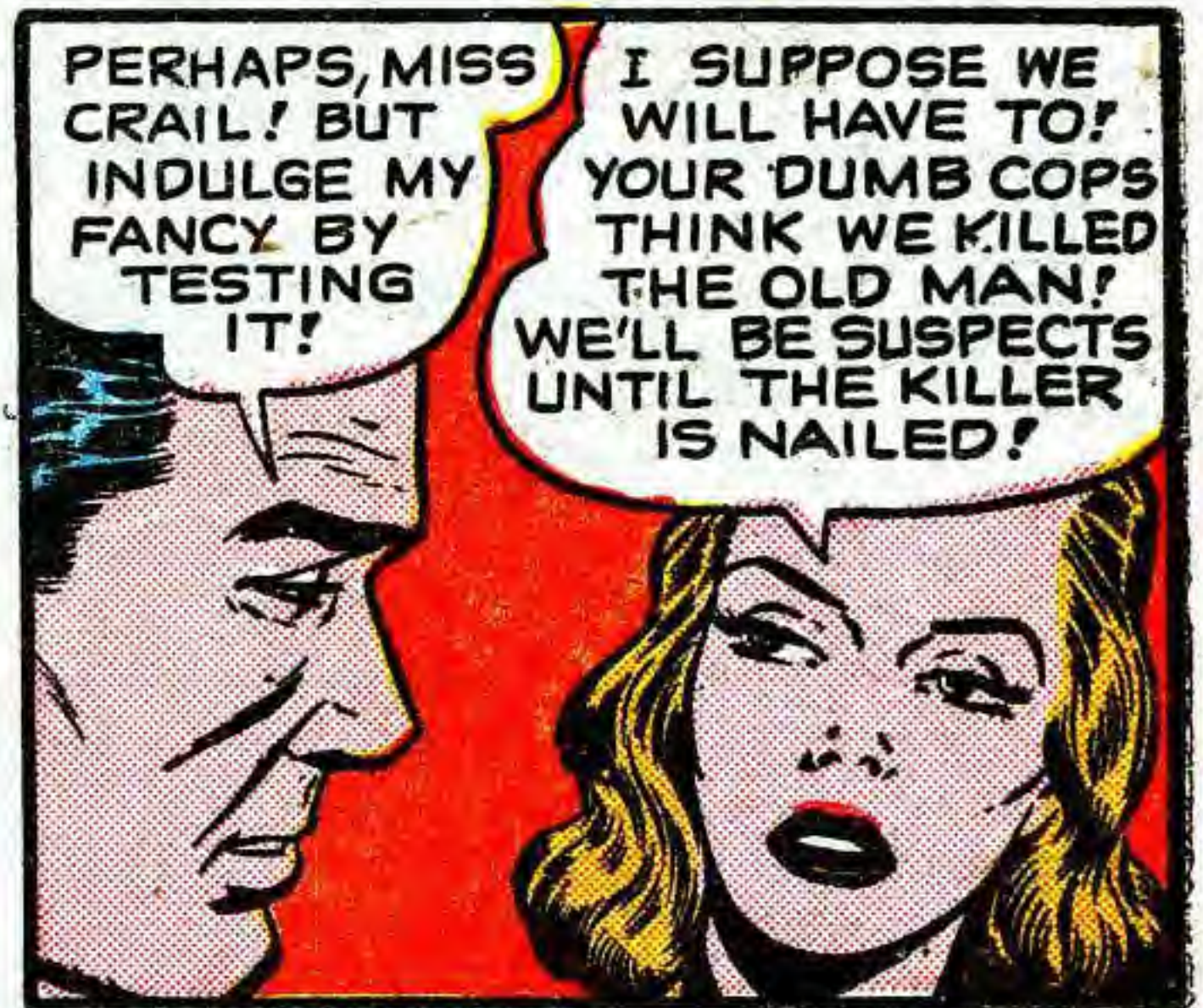
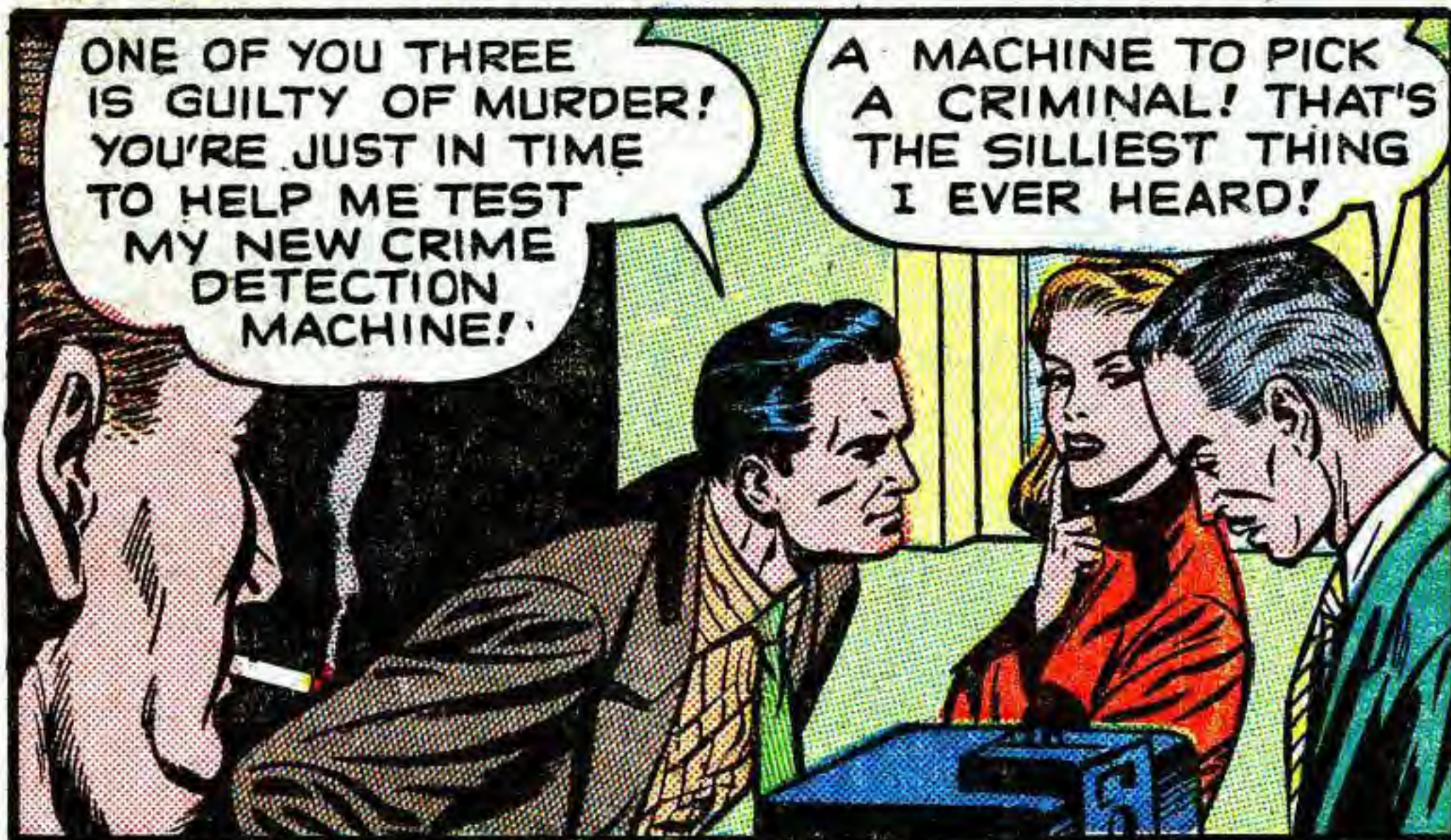
AND YOU MUST GET ACQUAINTED WITH MY SO-WONDERFUL HUSBAND, PIERRE!





# PICT-O-CRIME

DETECTIVE ALAN SYKES INVENTED A MACHINE TO DETECT...  
**"THE SCENT OF MURDER!"**



*Did you spot the clue? If not, turn to answer on next page...*



# THE WISE GUYS

**T**HREE unsavory characters sat together in a cheap rooming house, drinking beer! They were Sandy Dykes, Crusty Larson, and Mickey Malone whose chair was tipped back against the wall as he told the others of his plans!

"We've got the cops spinning on their heels," grinned Mickey. "Stick with me boys, and you'll get rich!"

"You're tops, Mickey," acknowledged Crusty. "We've sure been hitting the mark on every shot! But how much longer can we work this territory?"

"Not too long," answered Mickey, "but I have a plan! We've hit three gas stations in the last three nights! We had 'em figured right! Walked in, took the dough, and no trouble! Now, naturally, the cops are in a sweat and have extra men out! But they won't expect lightning to strike twice in one place! See what I mean?"

At headquarters, Inspector Reams was having a rough go of it! Three robberies in a row in his district had brought the wrath of his superiors down on his head! There was no trace of the bandits! They were filling station specialists but no clue to go on! Just one thing stuck in his mind, that an attendant had quoted one of the bandits as saying, "If anybody asks you who did it, tell 'em *the wise guys*! Too wise for any dumb copper to catch!"

The more Reams thought of that remark, the madder he became! No cheap crook could go around talking like that about the police! But the only way to prove the police smarter than the crooks was to catch them! Reams went to see the Captain!

"I want twenty extra uniformed men for the next two or three nights," he said. "I'm going to have one standing outside every filling station in this precinct!"

"Well, okay, Reams," agreed the Captain. "If you can't catch the crooks, at least you can protect the public! But it doesn't sound like good police work! Are these guys too smart for you?"

Mickey Malone and his two pals went out the next night and cruised around the neighborhood. They were strangers, had no records in the town and felt reasonably secure. They were wise guys, especially Mickey!

"Ya know," scoffed Mickey, "these cops give me a laugh! Short on brains, if ya ask me!"

"I don't get it," muttered Crusty. "There's a cop standing in front of every gas station! Even if you think they won't nab us, it doesn't look like we'll do any business!"

"I agree," grumbled Sandy. "Too much law around here for me!"

"You guys don't have any imagination," grinned Mickey. "You don't notice things, for instance!"

"Whatta ya mean?" retorted Crusty indignantly. "Don't notice things! I notice there's a big cop in

front of every station we planned to hoist! I notice I don't want any part of it with those pistol poppers standing in every front door! I'll leave it all to you, Mickey, since you know so much!"

"Pipe down and start oiling your rods," chuckled Mickey. "We're about ready for business!"

Then Mickey began his explanation! "Like I said, you lugs and the cops have no imagination! They've got a bluecoat in front of every joint we haven't touched but—" and here he grinned broadly, "but none in front of the places we hit before! See? They think lightning never strikes twice in the same place, like I told ya! We're gonna make a collection from the same three places tonight and then we'll scam! Good idea, huh?"

Sandy and Crusty looked at each other with satisfied smiles! "Guess we picked a good guy to go along with after all," said Sandy!

"Right," agreed Crusty!

The car pulled up before a gas station! Two nights ago, the three had taken a good haul there! No cop was in sight! Mickey went ahead of the other two and rushed into the office! "Stick 'em up!" he ordered.

"That's right," commanded a coarse voice behind him! "Stick 'em up and keep 'em up! That goes for the three of you!"

It was Inspector Reams and two other detectives who appeared from the stockroom!

"Nice to see you WISE GUYS," smirked the Inspector! "Like all smart cookies, you outsmarted yourselves! No cops around so you thought you could outwit the police, huh?"

As the three were relieved of their guns and shoved into a police car parked out back, Inspector Reams continued, "We purposely didn't plant men in the three places you'd been before! Wanted you to feel welcome to return! Since you were so sure of yourselves, I thought you'd accept the invitation!"

As they rode to the police station, Crusty and Sandy glowered angrily at Mickey! "Wise guy," groaned Sandy!

"Shut up," snapped Mickey Malone!

## PICT-O-CRIME SOLUTION

"Of course it's a fake," Detective Sykes said quietly. "There's nothing inside but two handles soaked in oil of peppermint! Anyone grasping those handles as I directed would pick up that scent. But you, Ned, were afraid because you knew you were guilty! You stuck your hands inside but *didn't* touch the handles. Only a guilty man would be afraid to risk a test." Ned Bates broke down and confessed to the murder.

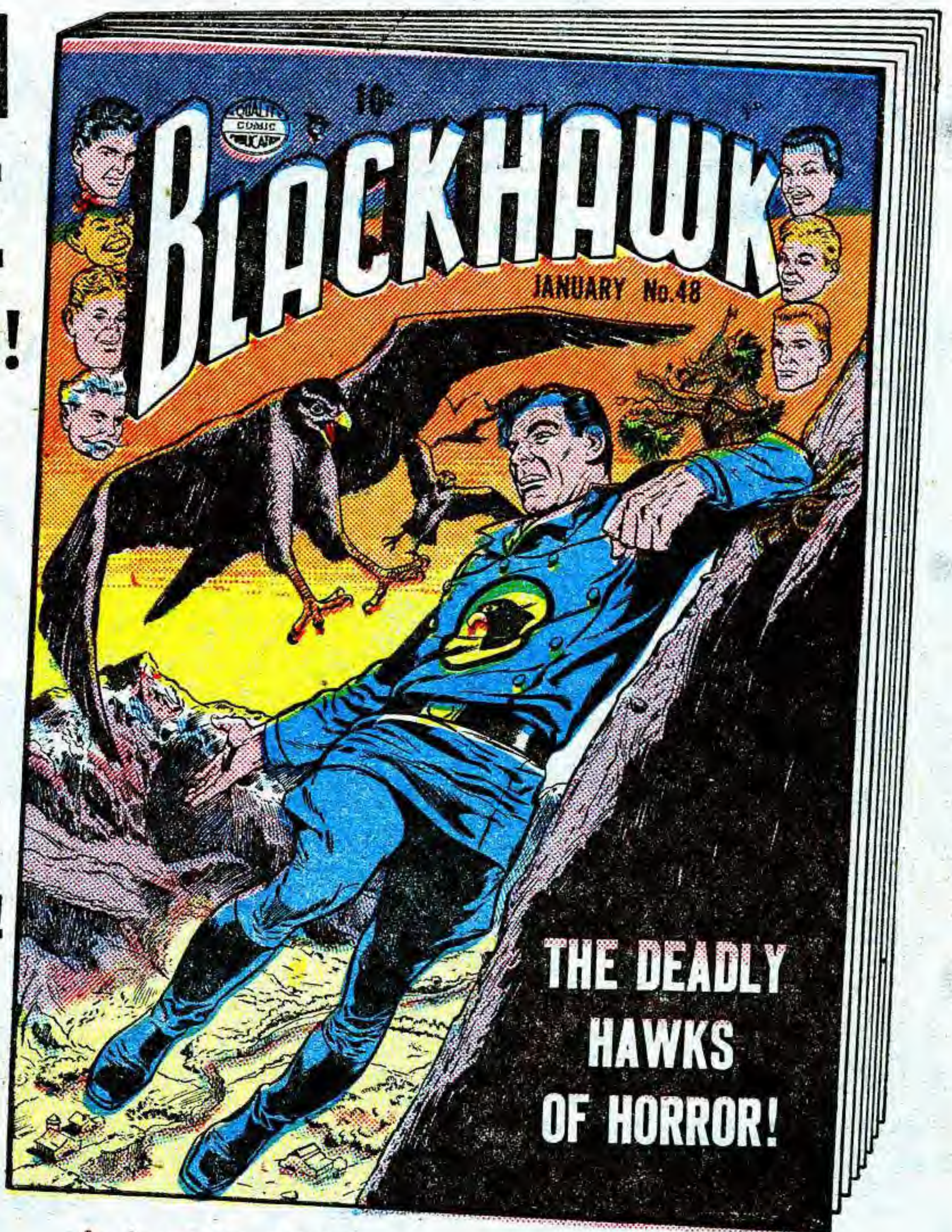


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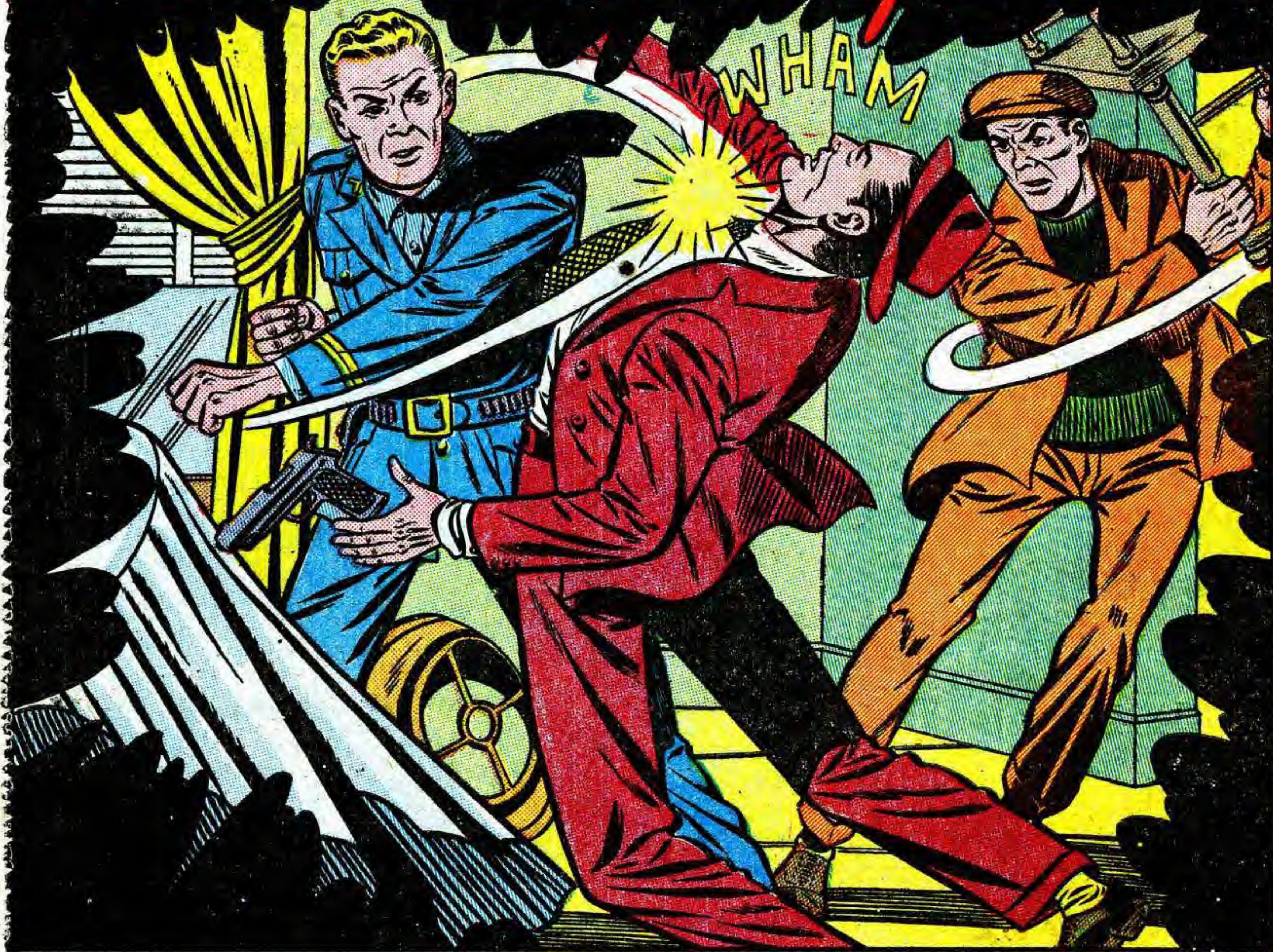
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# POLICE COMICS

DANGER AND VIOLENCE AND THE PROMISE OF DEATH ARE PART OF THE DAILY FARE OF EVERY POLICEMAN! PATROLMAN MICHAEL CZERNAK FACED THESE HAZARDS WITH THE COOL COURAGE OF HIS BREED! BUT HOW COULD ANY HUMAN BEING FACE THE TERRIBLE DECISION THAT WAS HIS TO MAKE BECAUSE HE HAD STUMBLED UPON.....

## The Matchbook of DOOM



MICHAEL CZERNAK AND HIS SISTER, ANNA, WERE ORPHANS IN A SMALL CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRY...

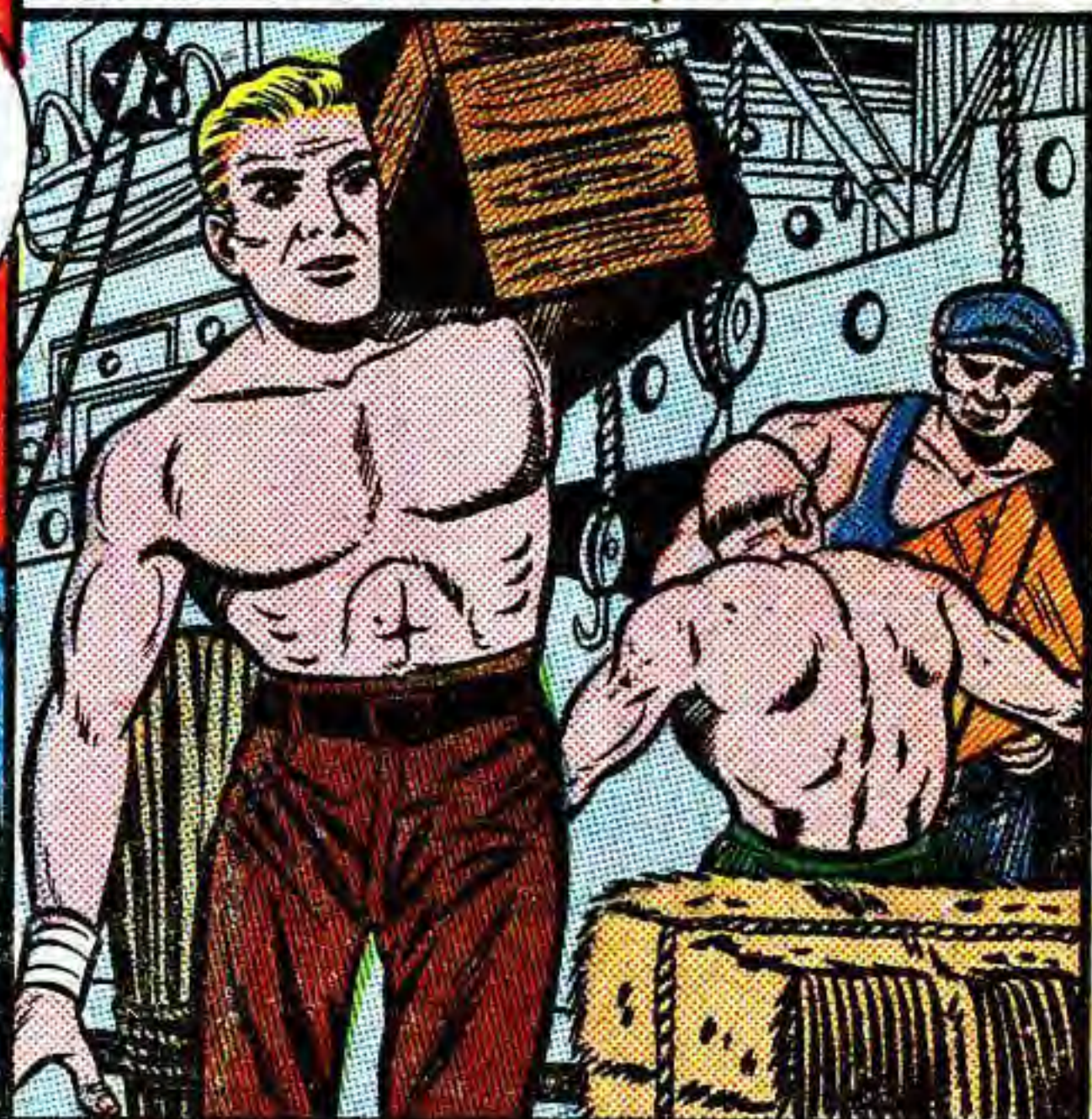
ANNA, THERE IS NOTHING FOR US HERE! I AM GOING TO AMERICA WHERE A MAN CAN BUILD A FUTURE!

TO AMERICA? BUT THAT IS FAR ACROSS THE OCEAN. WE HAVE NO MONEY FOR PASSAGE!

I WILL WORK MY WAY! AND WHEN I HAVE SAVED ENOUGH MONEY, I WILL SEND YOU A TICKET!

IT IS BEST, MICHAEL! I WILL WAIT AND MISS YOU, BUT THERE IS NO FUTURE HERE!

SO YOUNG MIKE CZERNAK CAME TO AMERICA! HE WAS STRONG AND CHEERFUL AND A WILLING WORKER!





# POLICE COMICS

HE LIVED FOR ONLY ONE THING...  
TO BRING ANNA TO THIS LAND OF  
WONDER AND FREEDOM!

YOU NEVER  
MISS A PAY-  
DAY, DO  
YOU, MIKE?

NEXT WEEK I  
WILL HAVE ENOUGH  
TO SEND FOR MY  
SISTER, ANNA!  
THAT IS WHY I SAVE  
SO MUCH EACH  
TIME!

BUT BEFORE THAT NEXT  
PAYDAY...

NO! MY COUNTRY... MY  
VILLAGE! WHAT OF ANNA,  
THERE ALONE?

LIKE THOUSANDS OF OTHERS, MIKE FRAN-  
TICALLY SOUGHT NEWS...

BUT SURELY  
SOMEBODY  
MUST KNOW  
WHAT BECAME  
OF ANNA!

I'M SORRY, SON, BUT THE  
NAZIS WON'T RELEASE ANY  
INFORMATION AT ALL!  
WE'LL KEEP TRYING TO  
LOCATE HER, BUT IT'S  
PRETTY HOPELESS!



THEN SUDDENLY THE WAR WAS NO LONGER  
REMOTE...

IF THEY WILL SEND ME TO EUROPE,  
I WILL FIND ANNA, SOMEHOW!



BUT  
INSTEAD,  
MARINE  
MIKE  
CZERNAK  
WAS SENT  
TO  
THE  
SOUTH  
PACIFIC!  
HE  
WAS  
WOUNDED  
AT  
BLOODY  
TARAWA...



AT WAR'S END HE CAME HOME, A HERO,  
TO RESUME THE FUTILE SEARCH FOR NEWS!

SHE WAS SENT TO A CONCENTRATION  
CAMP AND THAT'S THE LAST WE  
HEARD, SON! NOW THE REDS CONTROL  
THE COUNTRY BEHIND A TIGHT IRON  
CURTAIN!



MIKE  
HAD  
ONE  
BUDDY  
FROM  
HIS  
MARINE  
DAYS  
A  
TOUGH  
LITTLE  
IRISH  
MICK  
NAMED  
DANNY  
O'FLYNN!

LOOK, MIKE, I'M TAKING  
THE POLICE EXAMS  
MONDAY! WHY DON'T  
YOU COME ALONG AND  
TRY FOR THE FORCE  
WITH ME?

ALL RIGHT, DANNY! IT  
DOESN'T MUCH  
MATTER WHAT I DO  
NOW! THERE IS  
NOTHING TO HOPE  
FOR, WITH ANNA  
LOST!





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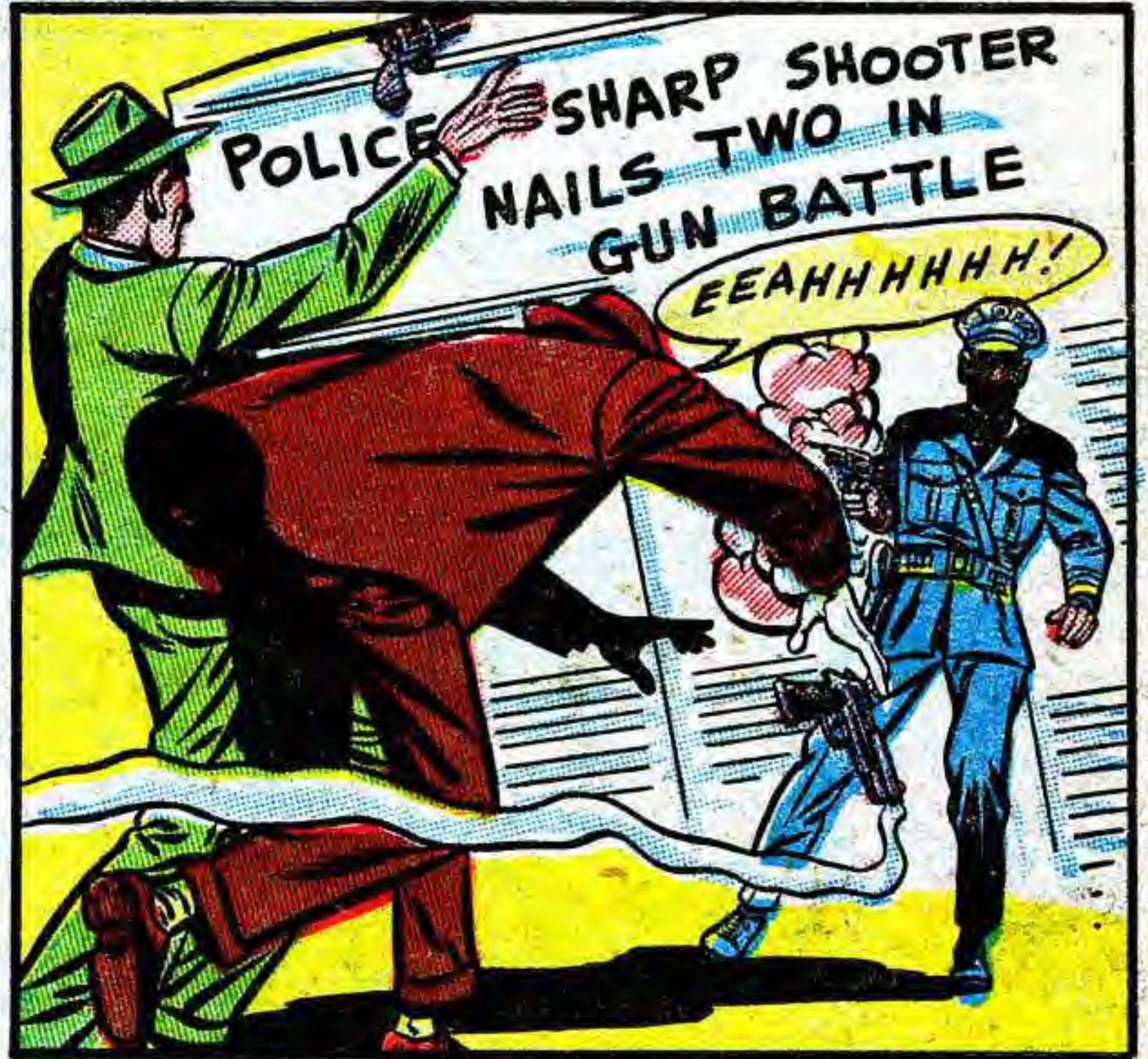
HE PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS...



OFFICER CZERNAK, IT'S PROUD WE ARE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE FORCE! WEAR YOUR BADGE WITH HONOR!

I'LL DO MY BEST, CAPTAIN!

IN THE FALL OF 1948, MIKE CZERNAK MADE HIS FIRST HEADLINES WHEN HE BROKE UP A BANK ROBBERY RING!



POLICE SHARP SHOOTER NAILS TWO IN GUN BATTLE

EEAHHHHH!

THAT WINTER HE BROUGHT IN DUTCH KASE, THE ESCAPED KILLER...



YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE TO SURRENDER, QUIETLY!

WHAM!

MEANWHILE MIKE HAUNTED THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY, STILL SEEKING SOME WORD OF THE MISSING ANNA!



WE HAVE NO REPORT! THE HAPPY WORKERS OF YOUR COUNTRY ARE TOO BUSY FEASTING AND CELEBRATING TO ANSWER INQUIRIES!

YEAH! THE HAPPY WORKERS! THANKS, ANYHOW!

EARLY IN 1950 MIKE CZERNAK WAS TRANSFERRED TO A NEW BEAT!



THERE'S YOUR BIG HEADACHE, MIKE... AN ATOMIC RESEARCH LABORATORY! SEE THAT NOBODY LOITERS NEAR IT OR CONTACTS THE WORKMEN!

SPY STUFF, EH? I'LL WATCH IT, CAPTAIN!

JEWELS MACHINE CO.

I'LL WATCH IT! AND AFTER THE RUN-AROUND THEY'VE GIVEN ME ABOUT ANNA... I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME DIRTY RED TRY TO GET NEAR!



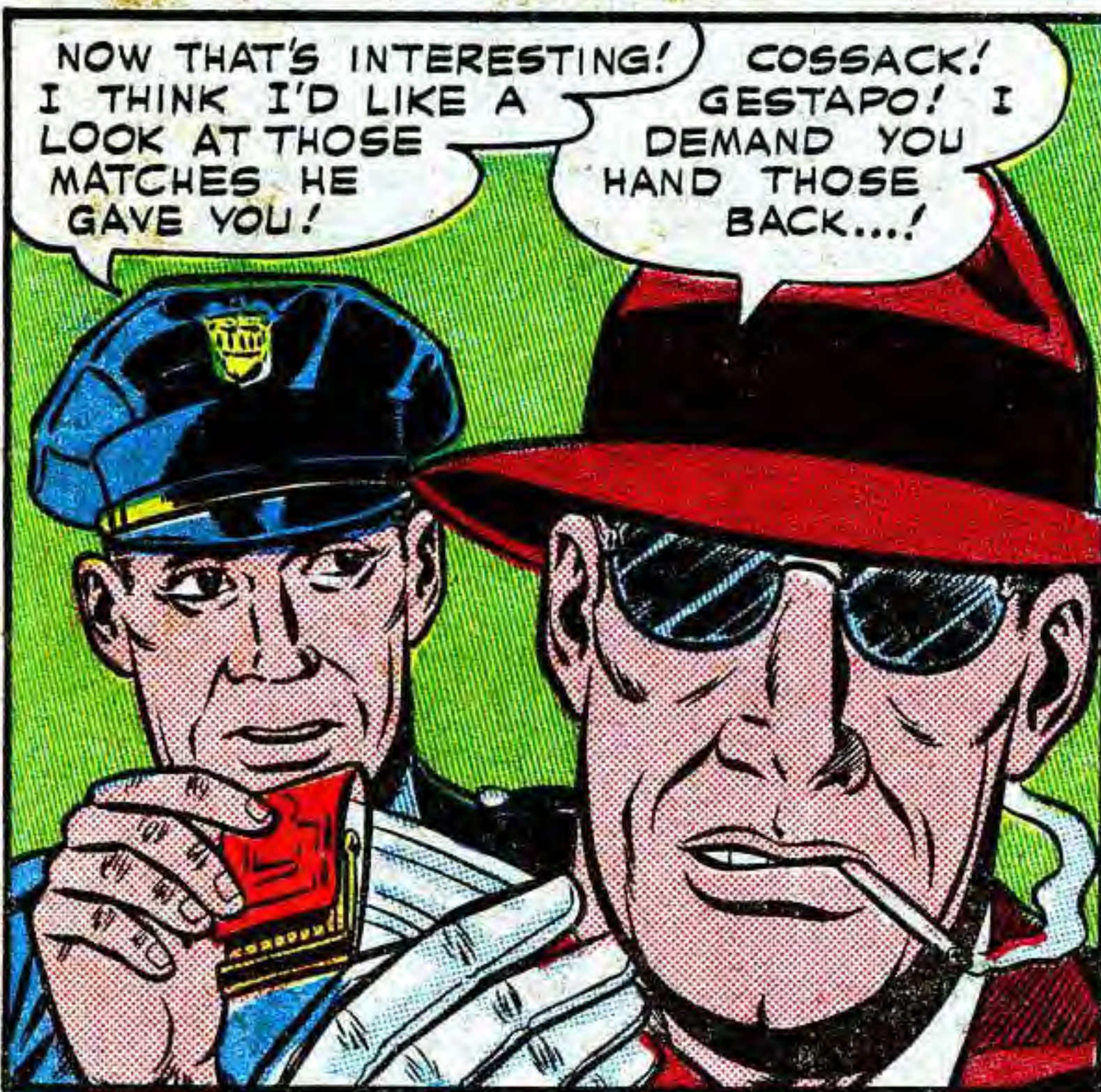
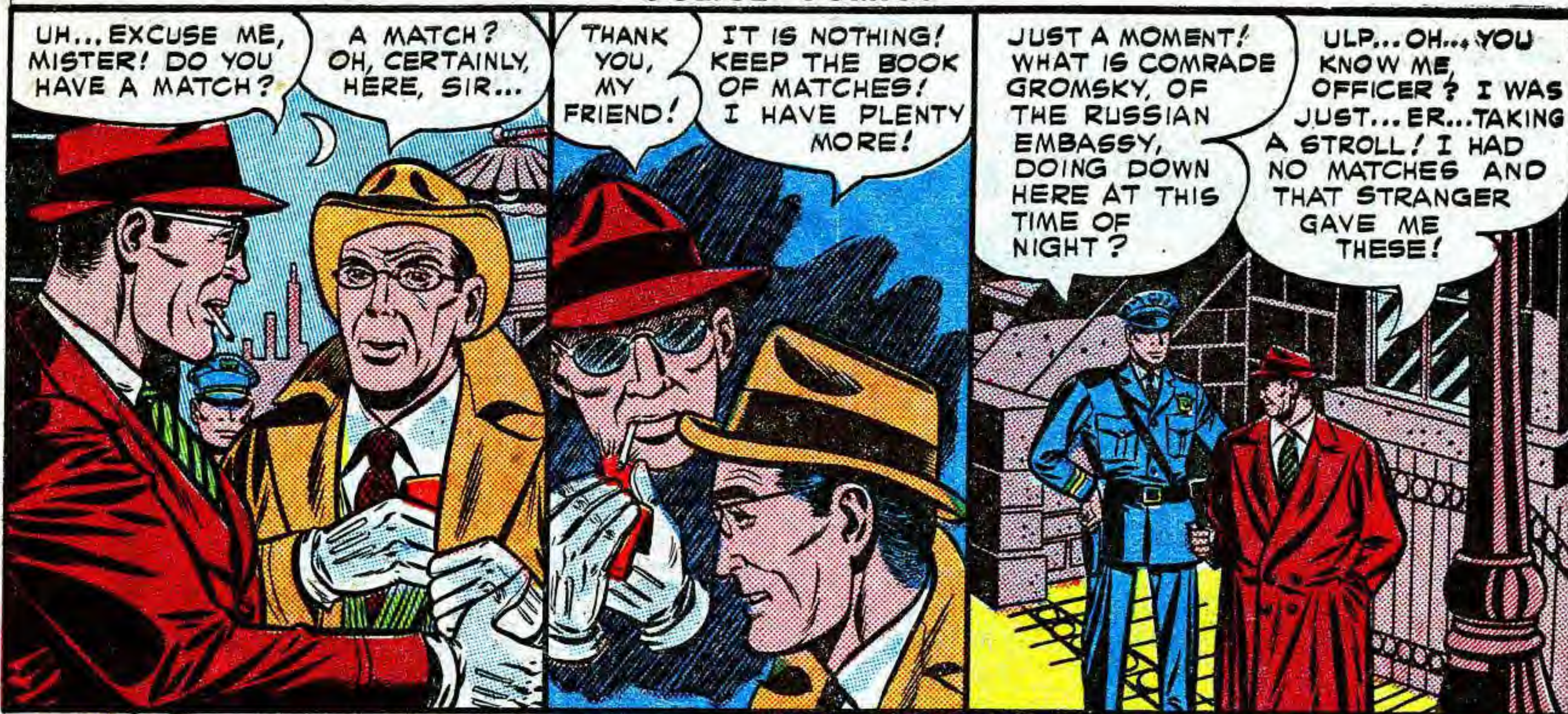
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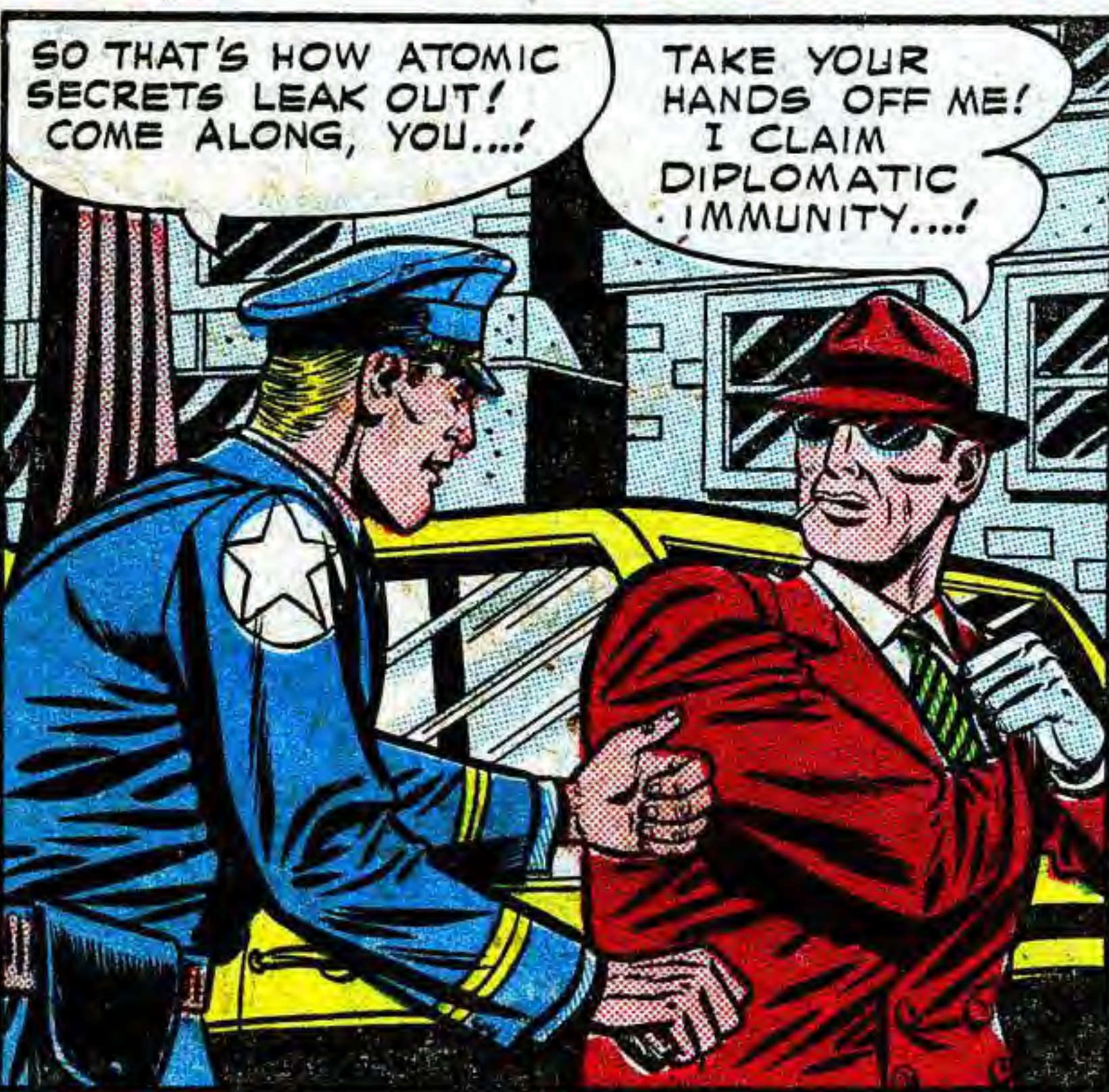
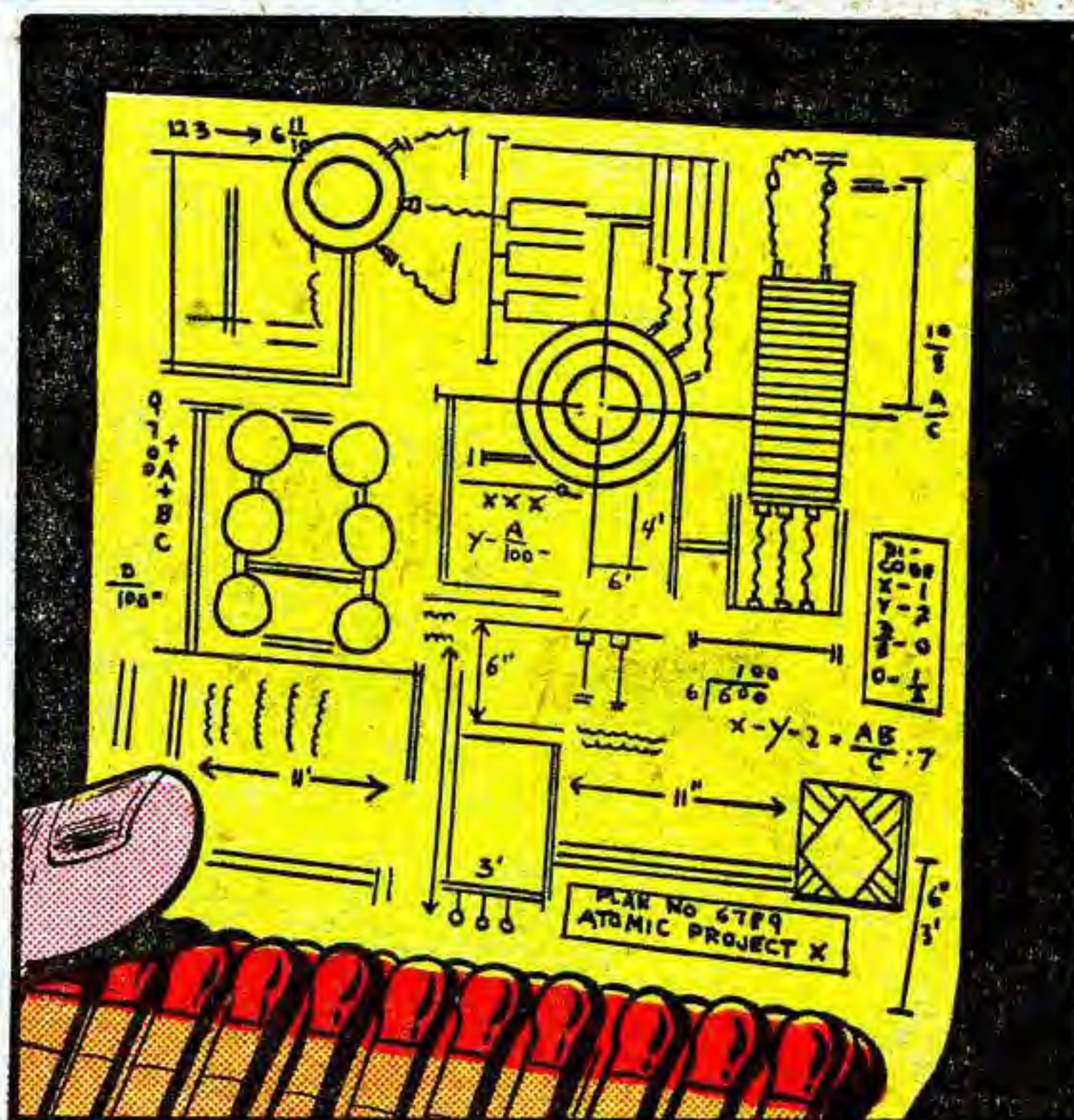
GOOD NIGHT, PROFESSOR DORNE!

GOOD NIGHT, GENTLEMEN!





EVEN BEFORE HE LOOKED INSIDE THE INNOCENT MATCH PACKET, MIKE CZERNAK HAD A STRONG IDEA OF WHAT HE WOULD DISCOVER...





# POLICE COMICS

AN HOUR LATER F.B.I. AGENTS WERE ON THE JOB! GROMSKY AND PROFESSOR DORNE WERE IN CUSTODY, SCREAMING THEIR HEADS OFF!

GREAT WORK, CZERNAK! BUT YOUR EYE-WITNESS EVIDENCE WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE SPY CHARGE STICK!

DON'T WORRY! I SAW IT AND I'LL TELL IT! AND I HOPE THE RATS BOTH HANG!

MIKE WENT HOME, FEELING A COMFORTABLE PLEASURE AT HAVING SPIKED ONE SMALL PHASE OF THE RED MENACE! BUT AS HE WALKED IN...

GOOD EVENING, COMRADE CZERNAK!

WHA...? WHO ARE YOU? WHO LET YOU IN MY APARTMENT?

I AM COMMISSAR SADICH! WE RECEIVED NEWS OF YOUR MISSING SISTER AND I CAME MYSELF TO SEE THE JOY ON YOUR FACE!

ANNA, YOU HAVE NEWS OF ANNA? TELL ME, QUICK!

YOUR ANNA IS IN A WORK CAMP! POOR DELUDED GIRL.. SHE BROKE THE LAW BY OWNING A RADIO AND LISTENING TO FILTHY WESTERN PROPAGANDA!

WORK CAMP? BUT THAT IS A PRISON! ANNA IS NO CRIMINAL!

SHE MUST SERVE TEN MORE YEARS.. UNLESS YOU COOPERATE! IF YOU REFUSE TO IDENTIFY COMRADE GROMSKY AND PROFESSOR DORNE...

SO THAT'S IT! IF I LET YOUR DIRTY SPIES GO FREE, YOU WILL TRADE ME ANNA'S LIFE!

EXACTLY! REFUSE TO IDENTIFY THEM, AND ANNA WILL BE SET FREE! IF NOT, I FEAR SHE WILL NOT LIVE OUT HER SENTENCE!

FOR OWNING A RADIO! YOU WOULD MAKE AMERICA A COUNTRY WHERE I CANNOT EVEN OWN A RADIO! A NATION OF SLAVES ...

ANNA'S LIFE AGAINST AMERICA! I MUST CHOOSE! SAVE MY SISTER AND BETRAY MY COUNTRY...

COME, COME! LET ME HAVE YOUR ANSWER!



**POLICE COMICS**



A PHONE CALL BROUGHT THE POLICE AND THE SAME F.B.I. MAN! SADICH'S WILD MOUTHINGS REVEALED THE STORY MIKE HAD NOT TOLD THEM!



DIPLOMATIC STRINGS WERE PULLED... AND ONE AUTUMN DAY IN 1951, THE HAPPIEST COP ON EARTH STOOD ON THE DOCK WITH HIS FRIEND...!







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is 'til you get "harmonica hot" the exciting  
Jay Turner way! Boy, Oh Boy! Watch the  
gang gather when you swing those cowboy  
favorites! Hear 'em whistle and sing as  
you roll into "Little Brown Jug" and "Oh!  
Susanna!" And will you have to beat it *fast*  
to escape the girls' Sinatra-swoons. Then at  
dances, hikes, picnics wherever pals and  
gals get together, who's Mr. Popularity?  
Nobody else but *you!*

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